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January 15, 1946

Mr. Egon Koehler, President
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Dear Mr. Koehler:

Your interesting letter of January 7th has been received in the absence of Congressman Schwabe, who is out of the city for a few days on official business. It will, however, be brought to his attention immediately upon his return to Washington, and you may be sure he will be glad to have the benefit of your views and suggestions on the unfortunate labor situation.

Congressman Schwabe is at all times eager to have the ideas of the people of his District, in order to more truly represent them in Congress. To this end, he recently sent out forty thousand questionnaires addressed to every rural and local post office boxholder in the ten counties of his District, and then made an arduous trip to every county seat and post office in the entire District so that all who wished to do so might confer with him personally.

In spite of all this effort, there remain many persons who neither received a questionnaire nor talked personally with the Congressman. However, hundreds, like yourself, are expressing their opinions by mail; and I am sure that when he returns he will be greatly gratified at this evidence of the public spirited attitude of the people of Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your interest in writing, and assuring you that the Congressman will have your views in mind when considering proposed legislation on this question, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Warren, Secretary



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Hon. George Schwabe
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My dear Congressman:

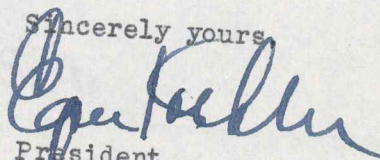
In view of present unsettled labor conditions, strikes, and portending strikes I am writing you my ideas and suggestions regarding all this:

1. I am opposed to the President's "Fact Finding Board" as introduced under H.R. 4908, because --
 - (a) It is a political board subject to the evils of pressure groups from both sides.
 - (b) Ability of a corporation to pay is no more a basis for wage settlement than is the ability of an individual to pay a determinant of the price of a house.
2. I suggest a careful, studied overhauling of all labor legislation beginning with the Wagner Act; that newly enacted legislation become such that it is not pro-labor, pro-capital, pro-industry, pro-management, but pro-United States; that it be enacted with the thought in mind to --
 - (a) Permit labor to get its just reward for honest effort.
 - (b) Encourage free enterprise.
 - (c) Increase production of goods and services.
 - (d) Eliminate strikes.
 - (e) Make the Federal Government a non-partisan umpire of labor disputes.
 - (f) Set an example for the rest of the society of nations to follow in the settlement of such problems.

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3. You have available to you facts, studies and other information regarding these matters that the average citizen does not have. You are, therefore, in a position to do something about it now. I hope you and your colleagues will become active on this during the coming session of Congress.

Sincerely yours


President
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