

SCHWABE COLL

*Labor*

January 17, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dillon  
Vinita Hay Company  
Vinita, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

Your recent letter relating to the unfortunate strike situation 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 appreciate your interest in writing and be grateful for the benefit of your views and suggestions.

Congressman Schwabe has always been anxious to have the opinions of his people in order to more truly represent them in Congress. Weeks before the President made his suggestion that people write their Congressmen on the problems of the hour, Congressman Schwabe sent out forty thousand questionnaires to every rural and local boxholder of the post offices of his District, and then made an arduous trip (to which you refer in your letter), stopping at every county seat and post office in all ten counties, so that all who wished to do so might express their opinions to him personally.

Thousands of people answered the questionnaire, and hundreds went to the post offices and county seats and personally talked with Mr. Schwabe. In spite of all this effort, there are still many persons who neither received a questionnaire nor had a personal conference with him. Hundreds of them, including yourself, have expressed their views by mail; and I feel sure that when the Congressman returns to Washington he will be delighted at this evidence of the public spirited attitude of his people.

Thanking you for your letter, and assuring you that Congressman Schwabe will have your views in mind when considering proposed legislation on the strike situation, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Warren, Secretary



# VINITA HAY COMPANY

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WHOLESALE HAY AND GRAIN

WAREHOUSE ON  
M.K.&T. AND FRISCO RAILROADS

VINITA, OKLAHOMA

January 11, 1946

Hon. George H. Schwabe,  
Tulsa, Okla.  
Dear Sir:-

We had intended to see you when you were in Vinita a short time ago, to talk over some of the perplexing problems you are facing in Washington. However, we were out of town when you were in Vinita.

One of the most important problems facing Congress today is the labor situation. Mr. Schwabe, are we going to allow the UNIONS to completely run our Government. Are we going to allow them to close down the reconversion program and stop the wheels of progress.

Congress exercised their authority and power and sent your son and mine and our neighbor's sons to the four corners of the world to fight for WHAT. Now it is time the Congress do something that will put these UNIONS in their right place, so that they cannot stop the peaceful progress that the World - Our World - should have at this time.

These strikes are affecting every little business as well as big business. For instance, we, a small hay dealer, trying to make a living - and we do use long distance 'phone to great extent - and when we picked the phone up this morning to call Amarillo, Texas and Fort Worth, Texas and Woodward, Oklahoma and were advised each time that the strike was on and they could only accept emergency calls. Now this affects you, our neighbors and ourselves. Something should and we consider MUST be done.

The Meat strike as well as the steel strike scheduled for walkout this coming week is extremely serious. If this thirty day cooling off period is the best thing, then get behind the bill and get it through Congress. If not, substitute something else that will prohibit any kind of strikes. For instance, put the strikers in the Army of Occupation and bring the boys back home - and we mean BRING Them back now - who will work.

Yours very truly,,

Vinita Hay Company

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Mrs. W. O. Dillon

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