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March 11, 1946.

*Labor*

Mr. G. M. Gillespie  
P. O. Box 729  
Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I have neglected answering some of my out-of-the District mail until I could take care of the unusually heavy mail from my District. Hence my delay in answering yours of February 21st.

I want to express my appreciation for your forthright attitude in expressing yourself on the labor question. I think you have hit the nail on the head in almost every sentence. I am one of those who believes in frankness. I may not be as diplomatic and tactful as I should be in expressing my views, but generally I am either strongly for or against a proposition. Goodness knows, I am bitterly opposed to all of this New Deal pampering of labor racketeers and the vacillating attitude of the Administration with no defined policy, foreign or domestic. Like you, I came up the hard way and I know what it means to have to earn every dollar you get hence I have as much respect for a laborer as anyone. I believe in the payment of a reasonable wage and proper living conditions for laborers. But I do not think we need any labor racketeers such as we have in this country, to tell us that we must or must not do thus and so in what we call our own free country. I question very seriously the Americanism and the patriotism of some of our agitators.

I am glad you wrote me and I confess that such letters inspire me to stand pat and make me feel that my efforts are not in vain.

I wish you could impress some of our New Deal democratic camp followers in Congress, as you and I believe. May be you can. I suggest that you give it a trial

With all good wishes, I am

Your friend,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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February 21, 1946

George B. Schwabe  
United States Congressman  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Just a few lines expressing my opinions on the Number One question facing this country.

The Democratic politicians sold out to the labor unions thinking they, the politicians, could control them and now the unions are showing them who is boss. The unions are responsible for many of our reforms and I would hate to see them entirely suppressed. However, I do not believe in the closed shop, the check off, or the picket lines. If they want to quit work, alright, but go home and stay out of the way of anyone who wants to work. They should not be allowed to send organizers or agitators into any plant or factory. Above all, unions should be made responsible.

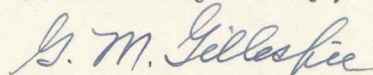
Very few politicians now in Washington should be there after the next election. That would be a good place for an atomic bomb.

Truman's and Congress failure to control the **strike** situation is directly responsible for the many thousands of our ex-soldiers unemployment.

We own and operate three rotary drilling rigs and just one of them is running now. Now steel for casing. We usually employ fifty men, now twenty. I didn't fall heir to this business, but spent most of my life as a laborer in the oil fields and started the business with small savings accumulated over the years. I know something of both sides of the labor question. One of our troubles has been that most people do not live within their means.

I will sincerely appreciate your efforts to solve the strike question.

Yours very truly,



G. M. Gillespie

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