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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 24th instant voicing your sentiments with reference to the present critical labor situation in this country.

When I was in the District last December I was asked by people everywhere what I thought the future of the labor situation would be. I did not hesitate to say that I was not a prophet nor a son of a prophet, and I did not want to be pessimistic; but it was my opinion, and I so stated, that things would become much worse before they became better.

I have observed at close range here that labor bosses and racketeers have been so petted, humored and spoiled by the Administration, that they were not only in danger of jeopardizing the welfare of the public, but as well, the best interests of the rank and file of labor itself.

I am still fearful that perhaps we have not yet seen the worst that is in store. These selfish labor leaders have been so appeased by the President that they seem to think they can get away with anything. The public is wrathful, and labor is in danger of losing many of the rights it should have the privilege of retaining. Hence, I voted for the Case Bill and for what the President said he needed last Saturday. But the Senate has not seen fit to go along with the House on either measure. The way in which the Senate passed the Case Bill is another example of this New Deal Crowd catering to labor bossism, in total disregard of the best interests of the rank and file of labor.

I am of the opinion the President had ample power and authority to handle the situation but he said that he did not; and it did not take the House long to give him what he said he needed. Now we will see what he does with it. He said in his radio speech last Friday night that he had known of the seriousness of this situation since some time last February. He has been trying to appease these bosses and racketeers rather than serve the best interests of the public and labor itself, and naturally, things got worse and got entirely out of hand.

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Congressman George B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a small business man located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This is the first time I have ever expressed my feelings to a Public Official. But After putting up with, and being annoyed by the labor situation which has prevailed since the end of our recent world war, I feel it is high time the people of our country do something about it.

Our business has been very unsettled for the past six months, and I have found that I have often tried to comfort myself in saying and thinking, "Well just as soon as these strikes are over with business will get better and we will get going again". But from the general outlook of things as I see them now we are never going to get going, until the hand-cuffs are put on some of our largest "dictators" of labor in this country.

I spent several years as a laborer myself, and after the first world war, I worked for manufacturing concerns such as the Studebaker Automobile Inc., Bendix Brake & Aviation Co., Northern Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. None of these Co., had unions at that time, yet everyone that I came in contact with was making a good living wage. I made as high as \$70.00 per week in 1925 working as a welder at Studebakers and I was only 18 years old.

Having had experience such as related above, I realize that people working in factories of huge productions are easily lead and will listen to any one of smooth tongue who wishes to express himself.

Our Federal Government put the brakes on the kidnapping business by passing the Lindberg Law, but the same element engaged in that business is finding labor activities more profitable to them.

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The names of a half ~~dozen~~ men now in labor circles are the

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dicators of our nation. It is high time that the Congress and the Senate of our United States pass immediately, laws to bring such people under control.

In most every instant Unions striking for higher wages and such are the ones that are making more money now than ever, yet they are being hoodwinked into and around by their leaders who have been giving a free hand to do so by the Federal Government.

I feel the first move our Government can make immediately is to remove at once organized labor exemption from the anti-trust laws and the anti-racketeering laws ~~from~~ this country.

I feel that I am expressing the sentiments of every well thinking citizen of the United States, union or otherwise. And I am hoping this will influence, and that you will act accordingly.

Sincerely,

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