Dear Mr. Schwabe:

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Work or Fight in war times is correct. None of us should be exempt from doing all we can and if a lot of underserving assistance checks were cut off, the man power situation would be greatly improved. A lot of old men around Grove, won't do a thing, even grow a garden as long as the money is handed them and any thing to buy. If the Army keeps on taking what few farmers that will work, some body will get hungry before long. I have 794 acres of land and not a grain of corn, wheat, oats, is going to be planted. Nothing but grass, same last year. The Hoover surplus is about gone.

Yours Truly,

O.W. Smithpeter.