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SCHWABE COLL

May 16, 1946

Mr. R. S. Bedford  
Secretary-Manager  
Chamber of Commerce  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 11th instant relative to the strike situation and the Case Bill, H.R. 4908.

I appreciate the suggestions that you offered, and assure you that I shall do everything I can, as a member of Congress, to put a stop to labor racketeering. My humble opinion is that the rank and file of labor is not so much to blame. In fact, they may not be to blame at all; but they have permitted some of their leaders to do about as they please, and they have had the nod of the Administration for the past thirteen years, and are spoiled almost beyond redemption - all to the utter disregard of the rights of the great majority in this country - the public generally.

I have no hesitancy in telling you that I am for the general public, the party in interest who have the greatest stakes involved.

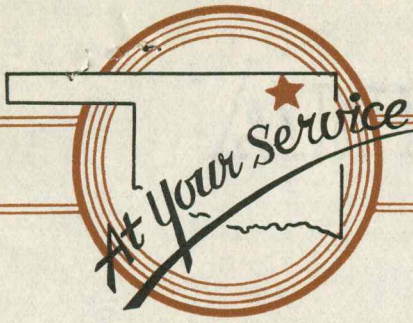
Thanking you for your letter, and with all good wishes to you and the members of your Chamber, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

May 11, 1946

The Honorable George B. Schwabe, M. C.  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

In face of the national crisis brought about by the coal mine strike, it seems imperative that some action should be taken that will bring us back to the American way of life. It appears that one group can endanger the lives, living comfort, and health of the entire population of the United States. It seems wrong that any special group or organization in the United States should have the power to subject to the rest of the population these conditions.

May we suggest that the House version of the Case Bill Hr 4908 be amended to prevent collections by labor unions of contributions, royalties, taxes, or tribute in any form what-so-ever; or that substitute legislation be passed to accomplish the same purpose. We believe that this will remove major obstacle to wage negotiations and a coal peace.

Thanking you for past favors and hoping that you will give this letter your kind attention, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

*Rufus Bedford*  
R. S. Bedford  
Secretary-Manager

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