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March 2, 1946

Mr. J. L. Shakely, President  
Jones & Laughlin Supply Company  
Tulsa 2, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Shakely:

I have your letter of February 26th expressing your views with reference to the labor situation.

You are perhaps familiar with the Case Bill which passed the House of Representatives in Congress some two weeks ago. It was the nearest approach to a solution of anything that has been offered. It was argued in the House two or three days and the bill was amended in some minor respects; but I doubt seriously if it passes the Senate, and if it passes the Senate I doubt if the President will sign it. The situation has grown progressively worse and will continue to do so as long as the racketeers and organized labor are allowed to control without assuming responsibility.

I have never favored a system whereby management controlled; but certainly I cannot conceive of permitting organized labor racketeers to control, and the latter is just what is going on and being nurtured and encouraged by the New Deal Administration for the past thirteen years. All of the labor racketeers opposed the Case Bill; and the CIO condemns me for having voted for it, which convinces me that I am right.

I certainly appreciate your interest, and shall appreciate further suggestions from you at any time.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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J. L. SHAKELY  
PRESIDENT

February 26, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

The present labor situation has reached alarming proportions. The comments that I have heard conveying the thought that there is an urgent need for legislation which would have the effect of regulating labor unions have increased to such an extent that I desire to inform you of my views on this topic.

Labor unions are arbitrarily exercising their unrestricted powers to the detriment of the public generally and the unions themselves. Some legislation should be passed covering the following phases of this important matter:

(a) Make illegal closed shop agreements that in any way require union membership to secure and hold a job. (b) Place the same restrictions on unions regarding political contributions as are now placed upon corporations. (c) Require labor unions to make reports to a government agency and disclose their membership. (d) Regulate picketing by requiring it to be done in an orderly manner so that violence is not used to prevent people from reaching their work when they desire to do so.

These are only a few of the vices in connection with labor union operations that need correcting by proper legislation. I hope you will take the necessary steps to initiate, or support, corrective measures and thereby restore the confidence of the public and of industry in labor unions.

Sincerely yours,