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May 28, 1946

Mr. Claud Neet, President
Pawnee Chamber of Commerce
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your telegram of May 24th relative to the labor situation. I agree that something should be done. Furthermore, I think it should have been done a long time ago.

I am one of those who believe that the President had ample power and authority to handle this situation, but he said he needed more. Hence, it did not take the House very long last Saturday to give him what he asked for. I voted for this, and I voted more than two months ago for the Case Bill. The Senate did nothing about the Case bill until last Saturday, when it passed the measure, but with amendments. They are going to take their time on considering passage of the President's bill.

The trouble is that the labor bosses and labor union racketeers have been humored, petted and spoiled to death during the last thirteen years. Mr. Truman, in his speech over the radio last Friday evening, said that he had known of the seriousness of this situation since February; but he apparently was content to pursue a policy of appeasement with the labor bosses.

My honest judgment is that the interests of the public demand more action than they are going to get from this Administration. I am also convinced that, not only is the public going to suffer, but the rank and file of labor will suffer tremendously as a result of the weak and vacillating position of the New Deal Administration. I think the public is entitled to first consideration, for it is in the vast majority; and that the rank and file of labor is entitled to second consideration. Both, in my judgment, have suffered and will suffer still more before the Administration is fully aroused to its responsibility and does that which is necessary to bring us out of this tailspin.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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=THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MET MAY 23 1946 AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION STOP WE URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND CONGRESS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CURB THE NATIONWIDE
STRIKES IN THE COAL RAILROAD AND OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIES STOP
WE FEEL THAT RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE POWERS OF
CERTAIN LABOR LEADERS STOP WE URGE DRASTIC LEGISLATION
IMMEDIATELY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTERESTS FROM STRIKES AND
LABOR RACKETEERS:

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