

Labor

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Mr. H. E. Hulen
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Dear Friend;

I certainly appreciated your letter of recent date giving me a clearcut statement of your views on certain controversial issues of the day, especially with reference to the labor situation.

Of course, I am sure you know that I agree with you and that I am not one of those who has been guilty of the problem you were talking about.

It is always gratifying to know that I may rely upon such men as you for moral support. I suppose you noticed that I voted for the Case Bill, and that I voted against all this legislation with socialistic and communistic background which the New Deal has been fostering.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.

January 21st 1946.

Mr. George B. Schwabe,
Member of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:- I was sorry that I did not get to see you, when you were here, but have been somewhat under the weather this winter and have not gotten out, except when I had to. I answered your questionary and there are a lot of other things that needs mentioning. I know that there is a lot of pressure placed on the Senators and Representatives by the different blocks and unions but it seems to me as though labor has been coddled too much all ready.

I have written different ones that are pushing labor bills and one especially needs to be killed, should it ever get to the floors. That is the 65¢ minmem hour wage as there is no farmer that can pay that out of farm income as they do not work $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, eight hours each, per week and that just can not be done.

I do not want to make any money but have talked with several farmers and they feel that they will have to fold up, if that is passed. I do not do much farming but each year I try to keep help and show a loss as it is and am sure not going to try it an lay myself liable to some disgruntled employee, if the bill passes. I talked with our old friend Dr. Weber and he said there would be ways around it but I am not going to try to get around it, will just let the couple that I have out and dispose of my stock and live out of the # garden, chickenhouse and a cow.

The outfit has already fixed it that you can not get reliable farm labor. I use to have a nice herd of Herefords but the price of labor went up so I could not get reliable help, so sold them. The help I have had the last three years did not earn their rent, much less their salaries. I hope industry has the fortitude to set tight and there should be some legislation to make the unions liable as to their contracts, instead of letting the TAIL WAG THE DOG. Capital employs labor and if there is no capital, where will the labor come in?

If some one had have told me 15 yrs ago that our country could get into such a mess, I would have told them they were crazy. I hope Congress will have the GUTS to represent their constituents instead of being YES MEN to one man as they have the past 14 years.

Sincerely,

