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Mr. W. A. Brownlee  
Executive Vice President  
National Bank of Tulsa  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Bill:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, expressing your deep concern and serious apprehension of the recent veto of the President of the Case Bill. I am keenly sensitive to the possible conditions that may follow in the wake of this administration of the President.

I am frank to admit to you that I have voted for the Case Bill in the first instance. The only opposition I had to it was that it seemed to me that it was not quite strong enough and did not have enough teeth in it, as it were. However, it seemed it was as strong as the prevailing temper of Congress would permit its passage. The House passed the bill some two months or more before it was acted upon by the Senate, and when it came back to the House, amended and revised, I voted to accept the Senate version, and then I voted to override the President's veto. I cannot help but feel that the President has been inconsistent. He asked for emergency legislation much stronger than the Case Bill, which he vetoed. The public was desperate and demanded some action, and the House within less than two weeks after the President appeared before us, and asked for this relief, voted for his wishes overwhelmingly. Even the emergency legislation has not yet become law, for the Senate amended the bill as passed by the House and have sent it back with their amendments to be voted on by the House again, which will perhaps be the latter part of this week or the first of next, however, many of us want to amend the Senate version by including along with the President's emergency proposal, in so far as it is possible, the provisions of the Case Bill. I hope this will be accepted in Congress and agreed to by both Houses. A very influential member of the House said to me the other day that we had been marched up the hill and then down, and that the failure by six votes to obtain the necessary two-thirds in the House with which to override the President's veto, would mean no labor legislation this session. The President suggested a six-months study period which is being interpreted as meaning he does not want any permanent legislation until after the fall election, or next January when the new Congress comes in.





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W. A. BROWNLEE  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

June 14, 1946

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

Dear George:

In my capacity as a private citizen and entirely aside from my position with the National Bank of Tulsa, I wish to express to you my keen disappointment and concern over the President's veto of the Case Bill. I had thought of this Bill at the time of its passage as being the very first step in the direction of redressing some of the gross inequities of the Wagner Act, the effect of which has been to build up unions to a monopolistic position, not only in plants, but in whole industries - to give them powers which are denied to employers, and thus to make them favored creatures of the law.

It is my conviction, and I hope yours also, that unfair labor practices of unions, as well as of employers, should be condemned; and that duties, obligations and responsibilities - including the duty to bargain fairly and freely - should be imposed upon unions as well as employers. It will require this to make voluntary collective bargaining work; and if the wave of industrial disputes now staggering us is to be reduced without supplanting the free economy, workers and employers must bargain freely and fairly, without undue advantage for either. One essential, it seems to me, is that Government must not fear or favor either side; that the Government has given its favors to organized labor since the passage of the National Labor Relations Act, every fair-minded person must admit.

Now, I do not know what you can do as a member of the Congress that you may not have already done about this matter. I only want you to know that I, as one of your constituents, feel very deeply and sincerely the injustices that now prevail with respect to our industrial situation, and that I view with grave alarm the threat which they constitute to our economy, our freedom and our cherished American ideals altogether.

Very truly yours

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