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November 6, 1945

Mr. Eugene Whittington
Hales Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Whittington:

I have your letter of November 3rd, which I have read with much interest. I confess that I had never before heard of the exactions of the labor organizations upon funds collected from their members as stated in your letter. I am wholly at a loss to understand the attitude and the shortsighted vision of those guilty of such a performance.

The New Deal program has always followed a philosophy of scarcity and of fleeing from work, while at the same time advocating full employment. They decry the evils of which they are the most guilty. The regimentations under which we are operating today are preventing production and encouraging inflation, the very things they say they do not want; but their actions are proof to the contrary.

You think Congress should do something, and I agree with you. But let me remind you of the reasons why Congress has done nothing and why they are not likely to do anything unless public demand forces them. It is because the New Deal program, emanating from the White House and backed up by the New Deal majority in both Houses of Congress, will not permit of a change. I hope the people will become so thoroughly disgusted that before another election is over this crowd will know that the people want the American system of free enterprise reestablished in the United States.

I suggest that you write the Congressman from your District, and all New Deal Congressmen and Senators, and let them know what you think. Your letter is an inspiration to me to continue to fight.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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EUGENE WHITTINGTON
OKLAHOMA CITY

Hales Building,
November 3, 1945

Dear Sir:

Out of all of the discussion in Washington there comes not even an echo of Mr. Wilson's suggestion of a 45 hour week. This suggestion is so logical and the arguments opposing it so specious that for it to have no more champions is difficult to understand.

It is perfectly silly to hope for prosperous years ahead with less work and less production. France at the nadir of its pre war troubles, was in full flight from work, a statement that has a sinister suggestion for us today.

What is the explanation of the indifference shown Mr. Wilson's proposal?

Why, in the name of high Heaven, doesn't Congress arouse itself to the evil effects of palliating labor. Much that has been done for them that was thought to be good is actually resulting in evil and unrestrained labor operations may produce tragic results before long. One would think that the help labor has gotten would cause them to have a most unselfish and highly communal attitude toward the country as a whole. And yet the C.I.O. and the A.F. & L. exacted from the American Red Cross something like a quarter of a million dollars as payment for collecting Red Cross subscriptions from their members. A scandalous thing because many thousands of citizens, probably you yourself, have given much time in helping the Red Cross in its annual drives without a thought of compensation.

Sincerely,



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