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W. L. Mackenzie King, Esq.,
The Roxborough,
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Canada.

Dear Mr. King:

Your letter of the 7th inst. came in time to be presented to the Railroad Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the meeting here in Chicago on the 10th inst.

Your decision not to participate as adviser to our committee was received by the members of the committee with extreme regret, for while in the first steps of our work, dealing alone with the question of the threatened strike and not with processes for averting similar happenings in the future, there would be little need for your co-operation, nevertheless, when our committee reaches the point of considering permanent legislation for preventing strikes or lockouts in public service corporations, we know that your counsel, born of your experience in Canada and your later studies, would be of greatest value.

We have no doubt that your decision is wise, but relying on your great interest in the present situation in the United States we assume that an informal conference with the secretary of our committee, or one of the members, might not raise the same barrier that is raised in your mind by the thought of counselling with the committee as a whole.

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

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