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PERSONAL.

My dear Mr. King:

I write to ask if you have any later information concerning the Springhill strike that you could give me. The miners' annual convention is now in session at Columbus, Ohio, and will consider the strike situations some time next week.

If the convention had more than one side of this Springhill situation, I have no doubt that the delegates would insist that a committee be appointed by the convention to investigate affairs there, action to be based on the findings.

Mr. Farrington, Executive Board Member, who went to Nova Scotia in November, was authorized only to ascertain the validity of some financial accounts. He informed me that Mr. Cowans had resigned and gone to Montreal, that the mines were working half-capacity, and that the strikers were better provisioned than in most cases.

Any information that I had would be given out with the understanding that under no circumstances was your name to be connected with it.

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