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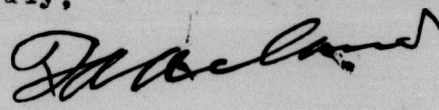
Dear Mr. King,

I have your note of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. E. Colby, of Newark, N. H., and have sent Mr. Colby copies of printed matter as requested.

I have seen the article in the Survey referring to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act and have read it with much interest.

Regarding the question of union recognition and the part it plays in industrial disputes, statistics on the subject could be hardly made perhaps to reflect the precise situation fairly. There are many disputes where the question of union recognition is not the ostensible cause of friction and where nevertheless it is known to the Department to be the actual underlying cause of trouble. Your suggestion in the meantime will not be overlooked. I hope it will be at some time in the near future possible to make a careful analysis of all disputes which have come under the statute, with a view to indicating so far as possible such aspects of these matters as you have in mind, together with all others contributing to industrial troubles.

Yours truly,



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