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Pittsfield, Mass., May 10, 1918.

The Hon. H. J. Skeffington,
The Hon. John J. Casey,
Commissioners of Conciliation.

Gentlemen:

I have received through you, by your letter of this date, new demands from the cranemen and electricians on strike at the Pittsfield Works of the General Electric Company. These demands had not been made by them when they agreed to submit all labor disputes to the decision of the War Labor Board. Having on May 6th unreservedly accepted the proposition made, through Mr. Skeffington, to me by the Secretary of Labor, which I was informed had been agreed to by representatives of all the employees connected with this strike, I, of course, cannot for a moment consider any modification of the situation that existed at that time, and I refuse to consider these demands.

I stand where I did on May 6th. I am willing to leave all matters in dispute to the decision of the War Labor Board, for reasons which I then stated and which I think should appeal to everyone who has the interests of the country at heart.

I regret exceedingly that the protracted delay over minor details, and the hesitation of the strikers to submit unreservedly all disputes to the War Board, as agreed, should continue to delay the production of war necessities, which I believe all patriotic Americans consider so vital to our country at the present moment.

Respectfully yours,

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
(Pittsfield Works)
Manager.

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