

June 3 (cont'd.) social service than we could render through any of our strictly philanthropic expenditures. It is with reference to a wise approach to this great problem that I am now asking your aid. Whether your public engagements or your political preoccupations would make it possible or prudent for you to enter into any continuing advisory relation with this project, must be determined after conference."

Also the following:

You have been so long and so successfully identified with efforts to solve or mitigate the labor problem, that I know you must be interested in the present situation in Colorado.

June 6 Conference at Mr. John B. Rockefeller's New York residence, Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., Mr. Murphy, Mr. Greene, and Mr. King present. The Colorado situation discussed along lines indicated in Mr. Greene's letter, viz: Outline of plan of conciliation boards for adjusting industrial differences; also wisdom of course of studies on whole question being pursued. Names mentioned by Mr. King as persons of authority on labor matters - Mr. Neill, Mr. Hanger, Mr. John R. Commons, Mr. John Graham Brooks, Dr. Victor S. Clark, Sir George Asquith, and the Sidney Webbs. Mr. Rockefeller requested Mr. King to prepare an outline of scope and method of an inquiry concerning industrial relations, and to consider names of persons best qualified to conduct inquiry. No request made concerning Colorado beyond general advice based on experience as to means of preventing and adjusting industrial differences and maintaining industrial peace. In conversation, recall Mr. Rockefeller expressing approval of principle of collective bargaining, also of service Unions might render if honestly led, and opportunity of labor leaders in this regard. Labor situation in Colorado was described as involving at that time only question of recognition of United Mine Workers, which, it was stated, mine managers were not prepared to concede.