

The commencement of the inquiry was in no way intended as an "offset" or "blind" to the Colorado situation.

That situation, in its deplorable features, had impressed the President of the Foundation with the need of something being done which would avoid the possibility of like recurrences in this and other industries, but as for the strike itself, the directors had accepted the statement of the officers of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company that, save for the presence of troops and the question of union recognition, there was nothing further to justify its continuance.

The commencement of the inquiry had nothing to do with the circumstance that a Federal Commission on Industrial Relations had been appointed and was holding inquiries in the United States.

(a) The appointment by the Government of the United States of such a commission may have confirmed the officers of the Foundation in the belief that this was a field of public service that it was in the public interest for the Foundation to enter, seeing that the work of the United States Commission would of necessity be limited to the United States, whereas the Foundation was in the position to supplement that work by extending its studies to other countries. It probably, too, suggested the designation to be given this special work, as one of the activities of the Foundation - but beyond that the work of the Federal Commission was scarcely thought of, or even referred to in the conversations had with Mr. King.

(b) As a matter of fact, so much was the idea that of supplementing rather than rivalling the work of the United States Commission in mind, that it was understood with Mr. King at the conversation at Tarrytown, that if