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United Mine Workers of America.

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Second Vice President American Federation of Labor.
JOHN MITCHELL.
Room 1111 State Life Building.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 5, 1905.

Mr. C. S. Darrow,
Ashland Block,
Chicago, Ill.
My dear Mr. Darrow:

While in Chicago a few days ago, I heard that you were being criticised by some labor men, one statement made being that your interest in organized labor was a purely selfish one. In justification of this allegation it was said that you had charged our organization ten thousand dollars for services rendered as chief counsel before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.

I feel it my duty to write you saying that these criticisms did not emanate from members of our organization. We were entirely satisfied with the services you rendered and the fee paid you was not commensurate with the work performed. As a matter of fact, each of the coal companies employed several lawyers and I understand that none of them received less than twenty-five thousand dollars as compensation.

I understand that it is customary for lawyers to charge in proportion to the result secured. Now, the miners of the anthracite districts have gained about six or seven million dollars a year in wages, as well as



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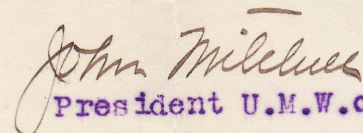
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other improvements in the conditions of their employment. Of course, it would not be fair to say that all this gain was due to the presentation of their case before the Commission, but I have always felt that the best possible presentation was made and that your argument at the close of the hearing contributed in no small degree to the advantages gained by our people. It gives me pleasure to offer this voluntary statement of our feeling, in order that you may know that we have neither sympathy for nor participation in the unjust criticisms that have been made by a few persons who are undoubtedly inspired by malice.

I am,

Yours truly,


President U.M.W. of A.

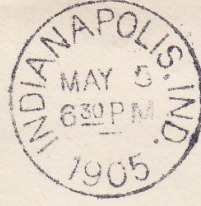
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