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The conference was made up of people representing contacts with life in many different ways. O.D.Y. and Prof. T. might be said to be two of the very liberal minded ones, especially O.D.Y. Wickersham was the most conservative person on the board, and he started off with a flourish and a remark to the effect that of course it was taken for granted by all that trade unions were the worst possible things on earth and should be abolished. O.D.Y. and F.W.T. took exception to this at once, and began a little educational work. O.D.Y.'s general attitude throughout the conference was much more friendly and sympathetic toward labor than most business men. He had a very different attitude toward them from what most rich business men had. In fact, he confided to F.W.T. that he was known as a "Bolshevik" among his colleagues. In all his negotiations he was fair and just and sympathetic. Toward the end, when the conference heard the representatives of labor, Prof. T. had to be away, but heard from others that O.D.Y. shone at that time particularly. He had a good deal to do with Gregory, ex-Attorney General who now lives in Washington. Prof. T. suggested seeing him. He is a great admirer of O.D.Y. and could tell much about this part of the conference.

A sub-committee worked out the regional plan idea toward which O.D.Y. contributed more than anyone else, though Prof. T. says O.D.Y. would probably accord the honors to him. (N.B. See files, letter in which O.D.Y. says he himself was responsible for it.) Together they worked out a good deal of it.