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Dear Mr. Morrison:

Pardon me for having been so long in acknowledging your very kind letter of April first. I am grately for the trouble you took in answering my question even if my slowness in saying so may seem to beky me.

And let me say, too, that I am honored that you yourself with your grand title should have taken the trouble to answer me.

The quotation which I was trying to locate in your Convention proceedings for 1886 I found in the Fourth Biennial Report of the Labor Statistics of Illinois a very good historical review of the eight hour movement. Apparently, and naturally enough it seems to me, it was a proposal never acted on and therefore never found its way into the year's final record.

I am much obliged for these very interesting excerpts of the action of the A F of L's Conventions on the eight-hour movement. The review I am giving is so general and brief that I cannot add much of the material you send. I have a little, however, with proper credit to your proceedings.

I wish I could convince you, though of course I would not presume to attempt it, that the International Typeographical Union would have done better for itself, and for the working man, if it had spent its twenty one million dollars in bringing about the shorter day through arbitration rather than by strikes. The enduring things of this world come through peaceful struggles and force in any form, however noble its object, hits back some day in some way.

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Of course you do not agree, but I believe it is the truth, dear Mr. Morrison and that some day the world of labor and of capital will come to it.

And in the meantime my best wishes.

Very sincerely yours

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