

*Ph Craig*  
*Sincerely*

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Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your vigorous letter of October 30th. Please do not misunderstand me. To be sure I am a worker and if it comes to grievances I know all about them, but I am also a worker with a deep-seated conviction that there are better ways out of difficulties than force, and that it is the business of all of us who work to try to find substitutes for force.

Of course we have the right to strike. We have the right to go to war; we have the right to revolt, but that is not the question. Is there no better way? If there is machinery in the making to help us find a better way is it not the part of intelligence to use and develop this machinery, rather than to fall back on the primitive method of force? I think so, brother, but there I suspect we will always disagree. You are for militancy; I am for peace. I don't like making fodder of men, either cannon fodder or industrial fodder. I believe that the surest way to prevent wars in the long run is in the development of such machinery as the League of Nations is setting up, that the surest way of preventing industry making fodder of men is through Boards of Arbitration and Mediation. It seems to me I believe more in the ability of the working man than you do, for I believe he is capable of keeping up his end in any kind of mediation or would be if he were not so obsessed with the idea that the only way he can settle his difficulties and get his rights is by force. I don't believe it, brother, and there I suppose is the difference between us.

Very sincerely yours

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