

September 11, 1939

My dear Mr. Schafer:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of August 17th. I have been out of New York for some time.

No, I am not surprised by what you say of the labor history collections at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. I have known of course of Professor Commons' work, of manuscripts, etc., that have gone to the institution. I also knew that Lloyd's collection was with you.

Now as to my own material. I have to be sure some manuscripts and a considerable collection of pamphlets, a few books. I have never acquired anything that I could find in libraries - public or private - not having the instinct of the collector. However, I think what I have may be of some value - correspondence particularly. At present it is packed away waiting for me to have the leisure to examine and classify it. That I propose to do as soon as possible.

What I shall do with it remains to be decided. I should be proud to have it go to you, but I have an obligation to my old college - Allegheny in Meadville, Pennsylvania. My Lincoln papers are already placed there. If they want my industrial stuff I rather think I should give it to them.

All I can say at the moment is
that I shall not forget your request and
that I do appreciate your thinking of me.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Joseph Schafer
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