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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Colonel Heckman's suggestion that the Society prepare a tentative set of industrial relations standards for submission to your conference has appealed to me very strongly, but two particular difficulties seem to stand in the way and I have not yet thought out just how to get around them. In the first place, any set of standards purporting to come from the Society must be the result of a general society approval and I doubt whether that could be secured by letter ballot, and it would be quite impossible to get the Society together for a special meeting with the December meeting so near at hand. In the second place the opinions of members of the Society are not identical and I imagine we would have as much difficulty, and use up as much time in securing a set of standards which all would approve, as you have been having at the conference. There is a group within our Society - those with whom you and I are best acquainted - who could perhaps, without difficulty, agree upon a set of standards, but there is also another group which would experience difficulty in agreeing with us.

However, I am going to sound out a number of the leading members to get a consensus of opinion concerning the feasibility of making a set of standards for the Society to submit.

I am sorry, although I am not surprised, that the conference has developed in the way it has. Let us hope that the continuing meetings of the public group will result in a statement of principles which will meet the approval of the great mass of our citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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