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Dear Mr. Robertson:

I just found the time to read Mr. Kettering's article from Mechanical Engineering which you were good enough to send me several days ago. Thank you heartily for your kindness. I do not know when I have read anything that seemed sounder or more heartening than this. It throws, as you suggest, valuable light on what people call technological unemployment.

The difficulty comes, as I see it, when the transition is made without preparation for the workers directly concerned. They are thrown out without no provision for replacement; they must fumble about and often give up in despair before finding something to do. Labor, the public sees their plight, not the final enlarged opportunity. It ought not to be a difficult matter to handle if employers sensed its full meaning and were willing to give it as intelligent consideration as they do mechanical waste and replacement.

I am putting aside everything that comes in way on the subject. Mr. Kettering's article is the best contribution I have had for a long time. When the time comes, if it ever does, when I try to put into shape my findings I am going to ask you if we can't talk it over.

Thanking you again for your kindness,
believe me dear Mr. Robertson

Faithfully yours

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