August 22, 1929

Dr. Edward N. Bywater
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Dr. Bywater:

I have been out of town a good deal of the time during the last month and have only now gotten around to looking carefully over my accumulated mail, in which I find your letter of August first.

I remember that somebody flattered me by nominating me for Secretary of Labor on a Progressive Independent platform. I received a copy of the platform, too, but it is lost, and at this moment it is impossible for me to recall very clearly its provisions.

I am glad you thought that I am fit for the position of Secretary of Labor; but, as a matter of fact, my dear Dr. Bywater, I would be one of the poorest persons in this country to fill any kind of an executive position. What little I can do must be done by my pen.

Of course, if you care to send me another copy of your platform, I shall be glad to look it over.

Thanking you for your letter, believe me

Sincerely yours

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