

March 24, 1936

Secretary
American Federation of Labor
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sirs:

At the Convention of the American Federation of Labor held in January 1886 there was a general feeling that the general strike in the interest of the 8-hour day which the Federation had been planning for some two years might be longer than it had at first been anticipated. In order to be ready for an extended shut down the Convention passed a resolution urging workmen to "lay by a certain sum, say \$3.00 per week; invest the same in the necessities of life before the dawn of May 1, 1886, and be in the position to defy defeat."

I am quoting this resolution, crediting it to the A F of L of January 1886. My publisher wants the page on which the reference appears. I cannot find in New York a copy of the report of the Convention for that date. Your office here refers me to the library in Washington. I shall appreciate it very much if someone in charge of your files could give me the page number.

Thanking you in advance for the trouble you may take, believe me

Very sincerely yours