

Cleveland, Ohio
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ATTENTION MR FURUSETH PERSONALLY

Dear Sir:

Am writing you on behalf of Jas B McNamara, a brother of mine, who is in the California State Prison at San Quentin.

I have never met you, but I do happen to know a little about the organization you represent, know something about some of the fights it has had, and some of the reverses it has met with, and can call to mind some of the things said by you at different times on the floor of conventions of the American Federation of Labor, and on account of the above I feel at liberty to write to you in behalf of Jas B McNamara,

For several months there was a move on to get a parole or a pardon for Matt Schmidt and Jas B McNamara. There was some time and money spent, and men were seen that had some influence in California; Chandler, McClatchy, Hearst and others, and it seems that all were favorable, and if any I have mentioned were not favorable, they agreed, at least, not to be antagonistic.

It seems all were favorable but the labor leaders, who are politicians, and in control at this time. A few of the powerful politicians, of course, were not favorable, and these politicians are supported body and soul by the political labor leaders. Is this not a fine situation in this late day; labor men sacrificing everything for sixteen years in jail, and even shielding others, and when they try to get out of jail and are prevented by a few politicians, men that call themselves representatives of labor, still support the same political powers that refuse to let labor men out of jail.

Clarence Darrow and Lincoln Steffens have been working along the lines mentioned. Darrow had Steffens to see the people mentioned above, and the politician labor leaders resented the move of Darrow and Steffens. The labor leaders have done nothing themselves and resent a move started by others.

You being from California, I feel that you know where the fault lies, and I am asking you to take what steps you can to remedy the situation as it is now, so that something can be done for Jas B McNamara and Matt Schmidt's release from San Quentin prison.

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Letters on a subject of this kind are not very clear, but I hope I have made myself understood, and trust that you will be able to give the above some time and consideration.

Trusting to hear from you and thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully,