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Statement re Appointment of the 1st National Labor Board
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It is a moving document — quite on a par with the Samuel Gompers' memorable war-time demand to preserve the status quo in labor disputes — and in addition to the signature of the President of the American Federation of Labor it carries the signature of every great labor leader and every great industrial leader on the two advising Boards of the Recovery Administration. It is an act of economic statesmanship. I heartily concur in every word of it and earnestly commend it to the public conscience.

This joint appeal proposes the creation of a distinguished tribunal to pass promptly on any case of hardship or dispute that may arise from interpretation or application of the President's Re-employment agreement. The advantages of this recommendation are plain and I accept it in toto and hereby appoint the men it proposes whose names will carry their own commendation to the country:"
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Mr. John S. Lewis

Mr. W. H. J. Taft

Mr. Gerard Dworkin

Mr. Lewis & Kershaw
Not since the war -- if then, or ever --
has this nation known such unity, as it
is showing now in our great march to
Re-employment.

On this single day, there have been
presented to me two spontaneous offerings
of cooperating labor and management
which rank with anything in our
economic history.

A great coal strike threatened the
entire bituminous field and --
because of scant storage at factories --
Also threatening the revival of manufacture on which so
much depends. On the basis of a
simple suggestion for settlement made
by both management and labor have
declared an absolute truce on discussion
at the mines to await the resolution
of the whole matter at the coming
hearings on the Coal Codes. In
meantime all disagreements are to
be settled by a Board of my selection
to which both sides agree.

Yours truly,
Louis Kristin
and George L. Berry. Here in our country has a strike of such threatened proportions been settled so quickly and so generously.

The public-spirited men on both sides of the agreement are to be congratulated in thus averting threatened disaster. But I cannot let the occasion pass without referring to the tireless and constructive labors of the intermediaries —

Governor Pinchot, Gerard Swope, Edward McGrady, and Walter Tingle.
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