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**Statement re Appointment of the 1st National
Labor Board**

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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~~ whole and hereby appoint the men it proposes whose names will carry their own commendation to the country:

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Dr. Leo Wollman

Mr. John L. Lewis

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Mr. Louis E. Kershaw

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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 Threatened

The revival of manufacture on which so

Much depends + On the basis of a

simple suggestion for settlement made

General Johnson
by ~~the~~ both management + labor have

declared an absolute truce on dissensions

at the mines to await the resolution

of the whole matter at the coming

hearings on the Coal Codes. In

In the meantime all disagreements are to

be settled by a Board of my selection

to which both sides agree: -

Howard Swope,

Samuel Kirstein

and George L. Berry & knew in our
country has a strike of such
threatened proportions had settled so
quickly & 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 &
constructive labors of the intermediaries
Governor Pinchot, Gerard Swope, Edward
McGrady & Walter Teagle

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