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Mr. Jas. S. Alexander, President,

National Bank of Commerce,

31 Nassau St., New York City.

- Dear Mr. Alexander:

At the outset of this letter we want to apologize for taking up your time with matters that are not really your own business, but believing that you are vitally interested in the general business welfare, the matter we are placing before you may appeal sufficiently to be its own excuse for our bothering you.

About six weeks ago, a labor agitator tried to create trouble in our Mill, and 78 out of 1400 hands walked out, but some of them have since come back to work. Through the entire time, despite molestation, interference, and insult of a large number of outsiders, many of them hoboes, who have come into the town because they get free food from the so-called Strkers' Commissary, our employees have loyally remained at work. In fact, they have only recently of their own accord indited a petition to the Police Department, asking for better protection at night, so that

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they might sleep and be prepared for the next day's work.

Today if we had 20 more weavers, our Mills would be running absolutely full, and as the matter stands, we are running about as full as usual during the summer time, when some of the help always lays off.

We pay the highest wages of any Mill in Georgia, and besides pay a premium for steady work, 3% for the first three months, 5% for the second three months and 7% for the next six months, same being paid on the total earned wages.

The conditions in our Mills are as good as any Mill that we know of, and we do a large amount of Welfare Work.

We have no strike in the true sense of the word, because our employees have refused to go out, being satisfied with their employment, but there are some people, and most of them have never been in our employ, who are trying to bring about a strike.

The Executive Committee of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, which has heretofore dealt exclusively with moral propositions, took this opportunity to try to bring about what they call a new era in industrialism by insisting on mediation, although this Committee has been told the facts in the case, and there is no real issue to arbitrate. As far as we can judge, their effort has been merely to gain more notoriety and power, and the effect is to probably foment discord between employer and employees.

The best people in this City have resented the attack on an individual business house which stands among the best of its kind. We have had many expressions of sympathy, and there is general indignation among the business men. However, none of it seems to have any effect upon the Writer of the articles,

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Mr. Marion M. Jackson. He is the General Agent of the American Surety Co., which Company makes its money from the Manufacturing and business interests of this Country. We cannot understand how they could be willing to permit any employee to make utterances of the kind that Mr. Jackson has made, and that must react upon all business.

The statements are unwarranted by facts, untrue and have been made without complete investigation.

We understand several of the Executive Committee of the Men and Religion Forward Movement have not approved of these Bulletins, but that Mr. Jackson has a friend, Mr. John J. Wagan, who pays for the Bulletins, when some of the Committee do not want to publish them, and Mr. Jackson publishes them with such funds.

We have no time for newspaper controversy, and particularly as we find that every statement that we make is merely distorted by the other side, who are willing to twist facts to make their own point.

It occurred to us that you might be acquainted with the Officers or Directors of the American Surety Co., and might be willing to place before them the Bulletins which Mr. Jackson has written, of which we are enclosing a copy of each that attacks us, and also a verbatim copy of a speech made by Mr. Jackson at a Meeting.

We think that the business interests of this Country would be served by a stop being put to writings of this kind by men in the employ of Companies who get their subsistence from business interests.