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I was visited at noon by Jickits Rutledge & Deuntack
I was not able to get out with them, but from their
conversation things are going on as you at the camp,
and all are preparing to march up and be sworn
by the Industrial Commission. The topic of
discussion generally is, Uncle Sam, has
come to help us. To stop so much of this among
illiterates, I explained to them what this Commission
was, and it was merely an arbitration board, and
that either side could appeal from their findings.
I exaggerated to them as what the Commission held
as reasonable complaint, which according to
my statement would eliminate 70% of their
number and evidence and that the Commission
would be bound to publish its findings and leave
us in a worse fix. We conversed until 2³⁰ PM and
I told Rutledge to tell W.E. Fleming to come see me.
At 4 PM W.E. Fleming had arrived and began his
spiel as to how he intended to sweat, and
especially on the present dock system, and
fire escape systems. Fleming was on his way

to meet Muller + Reagan and to attend a speaking at the Temple. I was really unable to be out but wrapped up, and went with Fleming to the Temple, and met Reagan + Muller and others. Reagan was well pleased and stated he wanted me to get well by Monday so I could testify before the Commission. A laughable feature of the meeting was, Reagan telling Muller to go to a phone and after conferring with Louis Marquardt call a Constitution report come over with his camera at the big speaking, and by the use of the name of several labor leaders, who are in town, and the agent of the Commission, a reporter photographer came over. There were just 11 in the house with the reporter, and Marquardt posed for the Constitution, and soon began speaking and at the end of all talks there were only 17 hearts in the Temple. And before the meeting was over, Reagan was informed that

The Commission would not set here next week, and they were very much displeased. Reagan stated he would have depositions taken and forwarded to the department in Wash. D.C. and that they would be heard any way. Fleming was told to come to the Temple for this purpose at 10 am tomorrow. I returned home I find that the Crooks are plentiful in our neighborhood but nothing being planned presently. If it be true that the Commission will not be here I am sorry for one reason, and that is a just Commission would have adjudged them an unlawful assemblage and a disgrace to organized labor. If Weather permits I will be on picket tomorrow, I still have a severe cold & some fever -

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