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Mr. Samuel Gompers,

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Dear Sir and Brother:-

I have always felt a disposition not to ask any favors from the American Federation of Labor, yet the developements of the Oshkosh strike make it imperative that I should ask from your Executive Council two favors. First, that the per capita tax to the A. F. of L. from the Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union should be remitted. Our expenses in the Oshkosh strike have been something enormous. We have squandered all our funds. The men have been out thirteen weeks and are making one of the grandest fights that was ever made in the history of unionism. In the conspiracy cases and civil suits instituted against me by the manufacturers, two firms consisting of eight attorneys, have been engaged by the bosses to prosecute me. My defense will use all the money thatwe are likely to receive from our unions for sometime to come. We have engaged Gabe Bouck, one of the best known attorneys in Wisconsin, Messrs. Weed and Finch of Oshkosh and Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago. We deem it proper to run absolutely no risks and acting upon the advice of attorneys in Chicago, as well as in Oshkosh and the officers of our general organization, I am taking every precaution possible to prevent imprisonment. If the Federation can help us in complying with these two requests, first to remit the per capita tax

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second to help in our defense, it will do us a favor that we will not readily forget.

When can you go to Oshkosh? We need you badly. I leave to-night for Oshkosh when I will have the second batch of fourteen warrants served upon me.

Fraternally yours,

Thos. D. Kidd.