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Chicago Aug. 9, 1898.

Mr. Samuel Gompers,

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

The strike in Oshkosh is still progressing favorably, all associated press reports to the contrary notwithstanding. One firm could not start up yesterday morning for want of men and asked for a conference in the afternoon. The Morgan Co. had only thirty. It usually employs about four hundred, hence you see that we are still on top. I presume that some agreement was made with the Foster Co. yesterday, although if it was it will not be made public, because it was one thing that Foster wanted, a promise that in the event of an agreement it would not be advertised all over the United States.

I have been arrested on two warrants, one with conspiracy, the other of a quasi criminal nature, sueing me for $15,000, and fourteen additional warrants are in the hands of the sheriff to serve me. I return to Oshkosh Friday morning when they will be served upon me. The idea is to exhaust all possible bail resources and thus throw me into jail. We need you very much and would like if you could come on as soon as possible. As I wrote you before, the importance of this strike demands all help that can be given us by the Federation. If a settlement has been reached with the Foster Co. it will do much to encourage the men. The strike is now in its thirteenth week and the boys seems as firm and determined as ever.

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As every one has the utmost confidence in you, you can do much to help them on to victory. Kindly telegraph the days you can be in the city. We should like you to address two meetings, a meeting of strikers and a public meeting. McGuire writes me that he thinks he will be able to come on next week. If you wire before Thursday night send the telegram to Chicago. If after Thursday wire me at Oshkosh.

With best of good wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Thos. J. Kidd.