Pecan Strike

1911 Walker Street, Apt. 5,
Houston, Texas,
March 6, 1938.

Hon. James V. Allred, Governor of Texas,
Austin.

Dear Governor:

It seems strange that you do not use the powers vested in you to protect the civil rights of the unfortunate employes in San Antonio's pecan shelling industry.

But instead of doing that, you temporize with men like C.K. Quin and Phil Wright, chief cogs in one of the rottenest political machines in America today. And not only that, you ask the representatives of these grossly underpaid workers to go to Quin and Wright and the shelling plant owners and compromise rights that are inherently theirs and which you, as the governor of this State should be zealous in defending.

Now I do not wish to be personally offensive to you in this letter because I think you have rendered very valuable service to the people of Texas, and many many ways. But neither do I, as a citizen of this State, want to witness the uninspiring spectacle of a governor who lacks the courage to perform his plain duty, and particularly when the performance of that duty means to protect rights that are guaranteed to the humblest of us under the Constitution.

I hope you will do your duty, Governor, even if it is necessary to call out the national guard. In fact, I don't know but what it wpuld be a very wholesome thing to teach the officials of the city of San Antonio that they are not laws unto themselves but are subject to the same limitations of authority that all other officials are subject to.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Edwards.

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