In re Suit and Cloak Commission.

Henry H. Finder, Esq.,
President, Industrial Council of the
Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association,
455 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Finder:

Your letter dated and received to-day has been very carefully considered by me. I have communicated with all the members of the Commission except Professor Rogers, who is out of town.

The Commission fully appreciates the fact that a stoppage such as you suggest is in violation of the agreement between the Unions and the Joint Board and your own organization. Furthermore, the Commission has the express assurance of the Unions that it will oppose, and so far as possible, prevent such stoppage. The Commission has itself expressed most emphatically its disapproval of such practices.

As we understand the situation, the Unions are not approving, but, on the contrary will officially oppose the threatened stoppage. If such stoppage occurs, therefore, it will be in contravention of the orders and the desires of the Unions themselves. Under the circumstances it is the unanimous opinion of our Commission that we cannot assume that such stoppages will occur and that we should not, therefore, take any action in the premises unless and until such stoppages shall have actually occurred. In that event if the matter is called to our attention by your Organization, by the Unions or by any other element in the Industry, we shall give the matter our immediate consideration, and we shall take such action as seems to us proper and for the best interests of the Industry.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Geo. Gordon Battle.