INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL
of the
Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association,
455 Seventh Avenue,

New York, August 19, 1925.

Hon. George Gordon Battle,
Chairman of the Governor's Commission,
37 Wall Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Battle:

During the last ten days, there has been publicly announced in the press, that a stoppage will be called in the cloak, suit and dress industry tomorrow, Thursday, August 20, 1925, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This naturally will affect the manufacturers, members of the Industrial Council.

Time and again we have brought to your notice the disastrous effect of stoppages of work in the industry, and now we are in the midst of our Fall season of manufacturing. With a stoppage of this kind, we have no knowledge what it might lead to, but are certain it will create a disturbance which, though possibly of short duration, will cause incalculable harm to our industry and to the Council.

It is unnecessary for us in this communication, to go further on the question of cost that these stoppages involve, because only recently, in discussion before you, we showed that the cost was untold thousands, some of which cost must be reflected in the additional cost of the garment to the ultimate consumer.

It would be deplorable, as I view it, if such a stoppage took place, and especially because of the fact that there is an agreement existing between the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Joint Board and ourselves, which agreement has been brought about through your instrumentality, and directly forbids stoppages of this kind. Indeed, besides the agreement, your recommendations take cognizance of this fact and reiterate the fact that there be no stoppages.

As the accredited representatives of the people of this State appointed by the Governor for the purpose of preserving peace in this industry, I call your attention to this state of affairs, with the thought in mind that you would make such a condition impossible.

Very truly yours,
Industrial Council of the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association,

By (Signed) Henry H. Finder,
President.