

Tuesday, April 16, 1940

Dear Cameron,

Enclosed are two sets of pictures, several charts, a memorandum and a copy of a speech by Elmer Andrews last June (when he was Wages and Hours Administrator).

The charts came from the W-H Division, which is taking no sides in the amendment fight. The smaller group of pictures and the speech also come from there. The other pictures come from the Farm Security Administration. The memo was prepared by a friend of mine from information in the Senate Civil Liberties Committee's record. The pieces cut out are citations to galley proofs.

I must have the pictures and the memo back, because I promised to return them.

The FSA people don't like you very much. It seems as though your inside cover was one of their pictures and they get no credit for it. They are cooperative as hell and there are lots and lots of swell photo stories that can be obtained from them for absolutely nothing. All they want is a little cooperation and a credit line. By cooperation they mean a reasonable amount of time to collect the stuff. Today, for instance, I could get only those photos of which they had duplicate prints on hand. They hadn't time to make prints of those negatives of which they had only a file print. Thus you haven't many swell pictures of the type Dick said you want. These are the best that could be obtained on short notice. They are going to mail you tomorrow, even though it may be too late for you a shot of a trailer-home parked outside the entrance to one of the canneries so that the occupant could get first crack at any jobs that might be available.

All the pictures are FSA credit.

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You will notice one photo of a mother and several kids and several other shots of the same kids (note also lip). This is the mom on the carbon of the caption enclosed. Two of the shots are of shacks in which Negro ~~camp~~ pickers live. They have nothing to do with this story, but I thought you might want them.

There are several pecan-worker pictures, more of which are available. I enclose that and the picture of the old Mexican waiting for a dstreetcar to illustrate the ~~an~~ testimony of John Nance Garner way back when he didn't worry about what he said. I believe this has never been used. Neither has the photo of the old Mex. The pecan workers of San Antonio (Garner is a big pecan man) might make you a good story. There was a strike a little over a year ago because wages were around \$2.50 a week. A baby was killed by a deputy, by tear gas.

I mentioned to Dick over the phone the connections of the Associated Farmers and their front, the "Agricultural Producers' Labor Committee", with the W-H amendments. I hope the enclosed makes enough sense to fill that out for you.

By the way, one of the agencies has a beautiful picture of "Cotton Ed" Smith taken when he was renominated. He has a "rubber" face and was acting up for the cameramen. Its quite hideous and undignified, if you should ever want another picture of him.

If you want other pictures on the W-H story I can get some in the mail tomorrow night if you let me know early in the morning. Harold.