

Frank H. Belton letter to Governor John Martin

Frank Belton, railroad commissioner, writes to Governor Martin informing him of his visit to the Knights of Labor union meeting. Governor Martin had received several telegrams from local authorities claiming strikers were difficult to control and becoming involved in violent behaviors related to the strike. In this letter, Commissioner Belton notes "everything was quiet and orderly, the property of the company is guarded night and day by the strikers."

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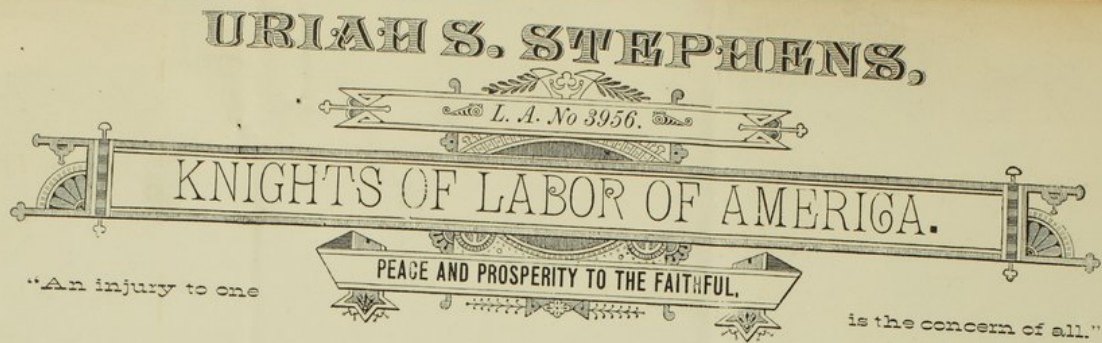
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Kansas City, Kan. May 12 1886

Gov John A Martin

Dear Sir

I have met the Local Executive Board, I visited tonight the Armourdale Assembly and found probably one hundred and fifty or possibly two hundred members present. After adjournment I visited with the Committee the Round houses at Cypress yard every thing was quiet and orderly, the property of the Company is guarded night and day by the strikers, and I am positively assured by the Local Board who have charge of every thing connected with the strike here at Kansas City that there is not the most remote possibility of any riots or disorder under any.

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Kansas City, Kan.

1885

Circumstances, and from my observations
I am inclined to believe them,
Some ~~twenty~~ ^{thirty to forty} men are on duty
all the time, and the property of the
Company seems as secure as though
guarded by a regiment. It is a
strange state of affairs, or at least
it would seem so if it were possible
for it to occur in any other country.

I understand Mr Cooper went down
to Decatur this evening. Mr Hayes
one of the board came up from there
last night. he said the Executive
Boards of D. O. 101 there and where
he left they were waiting an answer
to a dispatch which they had
sent to General Supt Keroyen asking
for a conference. The K City Star
this evening says that Labor

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Commissioner Ketchick, came up
from St. Louis, ^{to Sedalia today} for the purpose of meeting
Martin Irons, Chairman of the board,
and that he stated that he
thought a settlement might be effected
in a few days.

It is now one A.M. Sat-13,
I shall get over to Wyandotte & to
bed, and will get to Atchison
in the morning.

Very Respectfully
Frank H. Belton



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John Martin, Belton

Mar 12. Strike at 15. P. M.

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From Frank A. Belton,
Place Kansas City,
Date March 12 '86.
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ABSTRACT.

The Strike; no
danger of riots.