

## Thomas E. Wagstaff to Governor Henry Allen

Thomas Wagstaff, an attorney from Independence, Kansas, writes to Kansas Governor Henry Allen, of Topeka, congratulating him on his work as governor and the proposed industrial court legislation. The governor had called a special session of the Kansas legislature to create an industrial court to deal with labor/management problems.

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Gov. Henry J. Allen,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor,

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid work you have done as Governor of the State during the year 1919, wish you a happy New Year, and that as Governor during the year 1920 your acts may be as patriotic and as beneficial to the people of the State as during the year just closing.

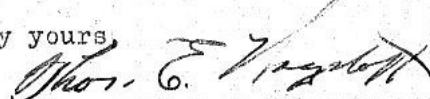
If the people of Kansas fail to rally to your support in the proposed Industrial Court Law, then I shall forever feel that the people of this State do not appreciate the splendid work and effort patriotically put forth by you in meeting and mastering so complex a situation as you met and mastered in the coal and fuel incident last month. I want to assure you that you have my deepest appreciation as a citizen for what you have accomplished and to further assure you that if in any way I may help, aid or assist in the passage of the proposed Industrial Court Act your command will be my pleasure. I read the proposed Act in the State Journal yesterday and I think in the main it is more than a mere step in the right direction and in that conclusion every intelligent and patriotic lawyer, as well as citizen, should concur.

In reading the context of the Act the thought occurred to me that more than likely opponents to the Act will advance in opposition to the same the theory that the Act is unconstitutional and predicate the same upon the belief that it is class legislation, and I am rather of the opinion that there may be something in such contention as the Act is limited to an industry where a certain amount of money is invested therein. If, however, the Act, when passed, meets conditions of all industries irrespective of the amount invested or the number of employees engaged in the industry, then the class legislation idea is entirely irradiated.

That the Act is novel goes without question, but the situation that confronts the people is likewise unusual, and, hence, I think there is little or nothing in that to give the supporters of the proposed Act any deep concern.

Again extending to you my profound appreciation for your services to the State as Governor, and with compliments of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,



W.E.