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Governor Henry Allen to Taylor Miller

Governor Allen responds to a letter from Taylor Miller, of Salina, Kansas, in which he agrees with Taylor that it would be better if the Industrial Court of Relations could have the power of "final judgment" but that the constitution does not allow such administrative power.

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Mr. Taylor Miller. Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have read your letter of the 19th inst. with appreciation. I fully agree with you that the law would be better if it gave to the industrial court power of final judgment, but unfortunately our constitution does not allow an organism, which has as much administrative power as would necessarily reside in the court of industrial relations, to have the power of final judgment. It is opposed to the Supreme Court decision which wiped out the Court of Visitation. That decision was rendered upon the ground that it sought to give the Court of Visitation both judicial and administrative functions. The lawyers who have studied this subject with the desire of making the Court of Visitation law absolutely secure from the standpoint of constitutional organism, thought it was necessary to allow an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I

Yours sincerely.