

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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*[Handwritten signature]*

RE YOUR TELEGRAM AUGUST EIGHTEEN RELATIVE TO ACTION KANSAS  
STATE CODE AUTHORITY FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY IN CONNECTION  
TRANSPORTATION OF WATER FOR RELIEF PURPOSES I HAVE INVESTIGATED  
THE SITUATION AND WHILE I BELIEVE THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF  
SOME UNFAIR PRACTICES BEING ENGAGED IN UNDER THE GUISE OF  
EMERGENCY RELIEF IN THE LIGHT OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS  
SITUATION I HAVE ORDERED THE NATIONAL CODE AUTHORITY FOR THE  
TRUCKING INDUSTRY TO INSTRUCT THE KANSAS STATE CODE AUTHORITY  
TO RETRACT ANY ACTION THEY HAVE TAKEN DEALING WITH THIS  
SITUATION STOP I HAVE ASSURED THE NATIONAL CODE AUTHORITY THAT  
THE KANSAS STATE CODE AUTHORITY FOR THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY CAN  
DEPEND UPON YOUR FULLEST COOPERATION IN PREVENTING ANY UNFAIR  
PRACTICES IN THIS SITUATION UNDER THE GUISE OF EMERGENCY RELIEF  
HUGH S JOHNSON ADMINISTRATOR NATIONAL RECOVER ADMN.



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

August 21, 1934

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Re your telegram August Eighteen relative to action  
Kansas state code authority for trucking industry in connection  
transportation of water for relief purposes I have investigated the  
situation and while I believe there is possibility of some unfair  
practices being engaged in under the guise of emergency relief in  
the light of the seriousness of this situation I have ordered the  
National Code Authority for the trucking industry to instruct the Kansas  
State Code authority to ~~be~~ retract any action they have taken dealing  
with this situation stop I have assured the National Code Authorities  
that the Kansas State Code authority for the trucking industry can  
depend upon your fullest cooperation in preventing any unfair practices  
in this situation under the guise of emergency relief

Hugh S. Johnson Administrator National Recovery  
Administration



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

WESTERN UNION

Day Letter

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Codes

Camp Whiteside, Kan. - August 18, 1934

Hugh S. Johnson  
N.P.A. Administrator  
Washington, D. C.

The emergency relief organization of the United States and the counties in Kansas are spending thousands of dollars for drouth relief and obtaining water and feed for livestock and domestic consumption stop Yesterday the N.P.A. code authority for the trucking industry in Kansas protested the use of oil company tanks for hauling water at a nominal charge stop The oil companies have supplied a great many pumps and thousands of feet of pipe and have been extremely generous in the use of their equipment including tank trucks in the effort to relieve the worst drouth situation since Kansas became a state stop As I am informed these tank trucks hauling water to the farmers for stock and domestic use are furnished free by the oil companies and the farmer pays only for the gas-used line and oil in this service The truck drivers give their time to this service stop Because of the serious situation I wish to protest and ask your immediate reconsideration of this ruling, as this service is being rendered without any profit and in an attempt to be helpful to the farmers in the different communities of the state in their dire need.

ALF M. LANDON

Charge 4036

Governor



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POSTAL TELEGRAPH CO.

May 22, 1934

Hugh Johnson  
Administrator U.R.A.  
Washington, D. C.

I understand that Captain Tate, Special Investigator for the Coal Section of the National Recovery Administration, has returned to Washington and no doubt by this time has made a report covering the critical situation in the Kansas coal fields stop Operators and employees are anxious for immediate action as the mines are shut down and the men are out of work pending this decision stop May I request the immediate consideration of the report of your investigator.

ALF M. LANDON

Governor

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### POSTAL TELEGRAPH

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HON ALF M LANDON GOVERNOR-

TOPEKA KANS-

CONFERRED WITH GENERAL JOHNSON COAL REPORT NOT YET  
RECEIVED BUT HE SAID WOULD HAVE PROMPTTEST POSSIBLE ATTENTION  
HE IS WIRING YOU I WILL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IN EVERY  
WAY POSSIBLE

ARTHUR CAPPER.....

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GOVERNORS OFFICE=

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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

March 6, 1934

*cancel*

Mr. C. H. Martin  
Martin Tractor & Harvester Company  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter of March 2nd concerning your difficulties in doing business in Kansas under the Code of Fair Competition is received.

Of course it was impossible to go into such legislation at the special session just called, for the reason that we were trying to hold it down to nothing but the mortgage moratorium. If we had allowed one other measure to be considered we would have been flooded with bills for consideration.

I shall be glad to discuss this question with you any time you care to come to the office.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Machinery*





## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

CHAS. H. MARTIN

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE  
700 EAST 8TH STREET  
PHONE 8875

### MARTIN TRACTOR & HARVESTER CO.

TRACK-TYPE TRACTORS -- COMBINES -- ROAD MACHINERY

DEALERS

**Caterpillar**  
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

March 2, 1934

Alf. M. Landon, Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The writer of this letter is one of a group among a good many others who are dealers of tractors and road machinery commonly used by the municipalities of the State of Kansas and we find ourselves in, more or less, a sad predicament.

For your consideration the writer is inclosing a copy of the Code of Fair Competition for the Road Machinery Industries. If you will look this through and examine Section IV you will see why we are placed in a very difficult position to do business in Kansas. Section IV of the Road Machinery Code reads as follows, "There shall be no rental of current new equipment except on a lease contract, which, within two years, returns the regular retail price plus a minimum of six (6) percent interest". This section collides positively with our Cash Basis Law inasmuch as we can't rent by orders of the Code and we can't lease on contract by orders of our State Law.

We feel, Governor Landon, that the municipalities of Kansas still need equipment to build and maintain highways. It is distinctly a tractor and maintainer job and we are hopeful that there may be some chance for some relief in regard to this matter. The writer will not make an attempt to go into any details in regard to the merits or demerits of the need for equipment nor for the Cash Basis Law but we believe there could be a slight modification made similar to the Senate Bill introduced by Senator Knapp at the special session what would help out our situation.

Yours most sincerely,

MARTIN TRACTOR & HARVESTER COMPANY

By

CHM:EH

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

December 27

Governor Alfred M. Landon  
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

We have been asked to bring the work of the Women's Division of N. R. A. to a close January 1, to make way for the Federal Emergency Councils. We are now getting in reports from all the States.

I am anxious to have in my ~~office~~ files a letter of appraisal of the value of the Women's Division from the standpoint of the Governors of the several states. I have letters from the Governor's of about half the States. Will you be good enough to send me a letter over your signature if possible to reach me before January 1.

I am well aware of your appreciation of the work of Mrs. Harrison P arkman, but I am most desirou s of having this letter in our permanent files.

With the Season's Greetings and with appresiation of the cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Hughes,  
Head of Women's Division,  
N. R. A.



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

December 31

Mary E. Hughes  
Women's Division, N. R. A  
Washington D. C.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27th advising the work of the Women's Division of the N. R. A. will be brought to a close on January 1st, and requesting an appraisal of the women's efforts in Kansas.

I welcome the opportunity to make this report and attest to the high character, promptness and thoroughness in which our Kansas women have carried out their part of the N. R. A. program. Beginning with the pioneer settlers back in the fifties, Kansas women have always responded loyally to patriotic appeals by the government. They have attained national leadership in important moral, religious and political reforms. And in this existing crisis, under the direction of Mrs. Harrison Parkman, the women of Kansas have responded in a splendid manner to the President's appeal for active support of the N. R. A.

Even though there may be serious question as the resultant benefits that may accrue to certain features of the N. R. A., the Kansas spirit ran true to tradition and in this venture, our women extended loyal cooperation to the Washington government in this nation wide drive to improve business conditions.

I am  
With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Alf M. Landon

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence



*West*

NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 27, 1933

Governor Alfred M. Landon,  
Topeka, Kansas.

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Head of Women's Division, N.R.A.

Mr. West: The Governor wishes to talk with you  
before answering this letter.

C.M.J.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1933

TO ALL NRA WOMEN'S COMMITTEES:

My dear Friends:

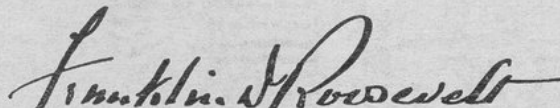
It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the splendid part which you have played in furthering the success of the National Recovery Program.

Immediately upon request, the forty-eight State Chairwomen set actively to work organizing forces in their respective States. They accepted this responsibility cheerfully, and organized County Committees, appointing County Chairwomen. Under the supervision of the County Chairwomen, Local NRA Women's Organizations were established in every town throughout the country. These organizations, through a nation-wide house to house canvass, acquainted the public with the aims of NRA.

It is my purpose to avoid duplication of organization by the creation of the National Emergency Council which will coordinate the activities of the various emergency agencies. This Council will organize County Emergency Councils which through sub-committees will absorb, to a large extent, the voluntary workers who in the past have given their time in support of the National Recovery Program.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your assistance in this national emergency and I trust you will permit me, after the work of your Committee ends, to call upon you, whenever necessary, for further support of the National Recovery Program.

Faithfully yours,





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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

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December 31

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Washington D. C.

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With best wishes for the New Year,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27<sup>th</sup> <sup>advising the work of the Homestead Division of the N.R.A. will be requested an</sup> requesting an appraisal of the value of the women's efforts in Kansas.

I welcome the opportunity to make this report and attest to the high character, promptness and thoroughness in which our Kansas women have carried out their part of the N. R. A. program. Beginning with the pioneer settlers back in the fifties, Kansas women have always <sup>loyally</sup> responded to patriotic appeals by the government. They have attained national leadership in important moral, religious and political reforms. And in this existing economic crisis, under the direction of Mrs. Harrison Parkman, the women of Kansas <sup>(in a splendid manner)</sup> have responded to the President's appeal for active support of the N. R. A. in ~~a splendid manner~~. Even though there may be serious question as to ~~the~~ resultant benefits that may accrue to certain features of the N. R. A., ~~the~~ the Kansas spirit ~~remains~~ true to ~~the~~ tradition and ~~our contribution~~ in this venture, <sup>overcome</sup> extended loyal cooperation to the Washington government in its nationwide drive to improve business conditions.

with but within for the new year, I am,  
sincerely yours,  
Governor

to a close on January 1st and

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

December 27th, 1933

Mr. Charles J. Munz, Jr.,  
Assistant Counsel  
National Recovery Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Munz:

I have your letter of December 22nd.

We have no legislative act authorizing or directing any officer to file in his office, the various codes fixed by the federal government. However, the proper office with whom these codes should be filed is the secretary of state. Send the codes to Mr. Frank J. Ryan, Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

AML/w

Governor



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NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 22, 1933

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Honorable Alf. M. Landon,  
Governor of the State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Under the Kansas Industrial Recovery Act, there is no provision made for the filing of approved National Codes with the State of Kansas. Will you kindly inform us with whom we should file certified copies of approved codes?

It is the policy of the National Recovery Administration to solicit the full aid and cooperation of each state in the handling of these matters pertaining to these codes, and to that end we felt it would be desirable for the protection of the citizens of each state, that copies of approved codes be filed with the proper officer of the various states.

Respectfully,

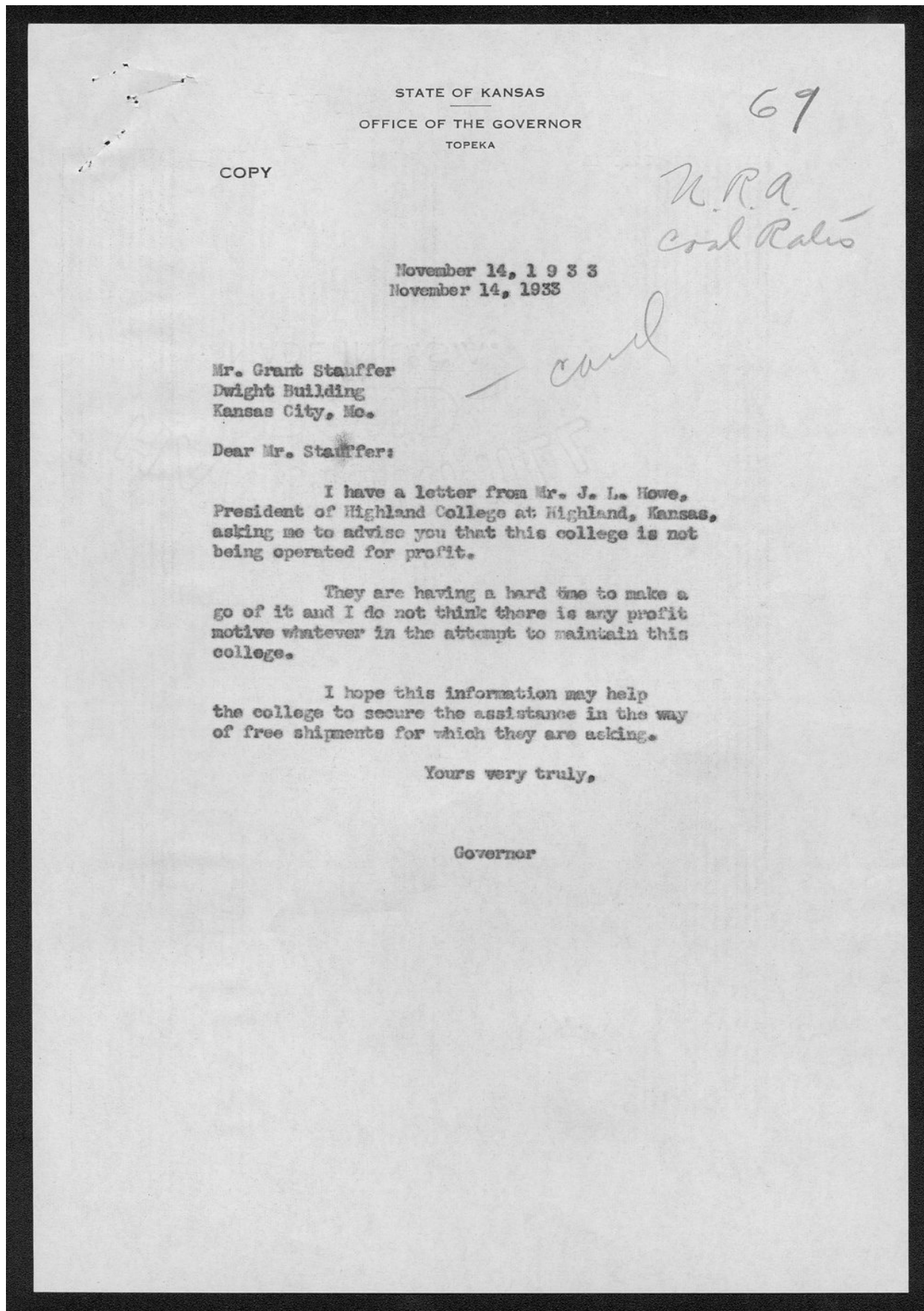


Charles J. Munz, Jr.,  
Assistant Counsel.

CJM:VMC



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HIGHLAND COLLEGE  
HIGHLAND, KANSAS

November 11, 1933

Governor Alf M. Landon  
Topeka, Kansas

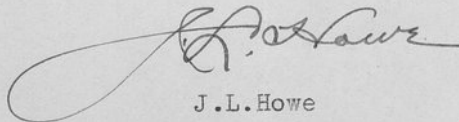
My dear Governor Landon:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter  
just received from General Johnson's office in Washington.

I am going to see Mr Stauffer next  
Wednesday. I am wondering if you would care to drop him a  
line and dispossess his mind of any idea that Highland Col-  
lege is being operated for profit. It is doing a public ser-  
vice and this at the sacrifice of a group of missionary-  
spirited teachers.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,



J.L. Howe

JLH:EEF

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NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON , D.C.

Mr J.L.Howe  
Highland College,  
Highland, Kansas

Dear Mr Howe:

In answer to your letter of recent date, regarding free rates, we wish to advise that a Bituminous Coal Code Authority, which handles cases of this nature, has been established for your district.

If you desire to submit this matter to the Code Authority, you may communicate with Mr Grant Stauffer, Ch Chairman, Southwestern Coals Sub-Divisional Code Authority, Division Number 4,540 Dwight Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Very Truly yours,

(signature)

Karl M.Richards  
Division No.1.



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

### SINCLAIR COAL COMPANY



GENERAL OFFICES  
1012 BALTIMORE AVE.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

November 18, 1933

Mr. Alf M. Landon, Governor  
State of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th with reference to Highland College at Highland, Kansas.

I have not had any previous correspondence with reference to this matter and I do not understand your last paragraph with reference to free shipments.

Will you kindly advise further?

Yours very truly,

  
GRANT STAUFFER

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

November 20, 1933

Mr. Grant Stauffer, Chairman  
Southwestern Coals Subdivision Code Authority  
540 Dwight Bldg.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Stauffer:

This is a matter that Mr. Howe of Highland has taken up with the N.R.A., it seems from his letter to me, copy of which I enclose. This is all I know about the matter.

All Mr. Howe wanted me to do was to inform you that Highland College is not being operated for profit, so that they might come under the provisions which would permit them to obtain free rates on their shipments of coal.

Yours very truly,

Governor



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

*Coal Code*

COPY

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card*

October 9, 1933

Mr. C. F. Spencer, President  
The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have your letter of October 1st concerning the selection of Mr. W. C. Shank of Kansas City as the presidential member of the code authority. Any recommendation the coal operators of Kansas make will be satisfactory with me.

If the President should ask for my recommendation, as you suggest, I will be glad to convey to him the fact that I think the recommendation of the majority of the operators should be followed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

### COAL OPERATORS TO LIFT PRICES SLIGHTLY

THREE PITTSBURG MEN ARE  
NAMED ON COMMITTEE AT  
KANSAS CITY.

Deny Amount of Increase Will Be  
\$2 As Various Suggested For  
Area in Which Kansas  
Is Located.

Kansas City, Sept. 29.—(P)—Southwestern coal operators, meeting here to plan administration of the coal code in their field, effective Monday, voiced assurance yesterday that the wholesale price of bituminous coal will be restricted to reasonable advances.

They pointed out that some advances were inevitable because the coal code restricts hours of labor and increases production costs.

W. C. Shank, of Kansas City, who was elected unanimously as the presidential member of the code authority, the name of the administration body, said there had been reports of a prospective advance of \$2 a ton. He assured such an advance was not anticipated in the southwestern field.

#### Three From Here.

Code authority members to administer the provisions were named as follows:

For Kansas—K. A. Spencer, J. A. Meyers and Francis Keegan, all of Pittsburg, and L. D. Kniffin, Kansas City.

For Missouri—W. C. Shank and Grant Stauffer, Kansas City; A. E. Marriott, Moberly, and C. H. Hubbell, Richmond.

For Oklahoma—L. R. Kelce, Kansas City; J. C. Reid and Frank Barrow, Henryetta; and W. P. McMullen, McAlester.

"The authority is the administrative agency of the code for the division," Shank explained.

"We are division No. 4 which includes Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. This committee will administer the code as it pertains to production, distribution and original sale of bituminous coal.

#### Stabilize Industry.

"It is the hope of the authority to stabilize the bituminous coal industry in this section and avoid labor disturbances. No labor disturbances as the result of the operation of the coal code are expected because labor participated in the formation of the code. Cost of production will increase somewhat due to restricted working hours and the necessity of adding men without a corresponding increase in production. However, the public may rest assured the \$2 (a ton) advance

suggested in press dispatches from Washington is not to be expected.

"Only reasonable and seasonable prices may be expected, depending upon the increased cost of production under the code and as the result of the elimination of sales of coal under cost."

The 114 operators present represented 78 percent of the total tonnage produced last year in the Southwest.



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ESTABLISHED 1885

### *The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.*

C. F. SPENCER  
PRESIDENT

*Pittsburg, Kansas*

October 1, 1933

Governor Alfred M. Landon,  
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Governor:

We, as other good citizens, regardless of our political faith, are earnestly trying to cooperate with the President in his NRA program. Some of the officials of this company have spent weeks in Washington, assisting in working out a code of fair practice for the bituminous coal industry, with Administrator Hugh S. Johnson and our employees. I am happy to advise this has been accomplished. The code has been duly approved and signed by the President and will become effective October 2nd, copy of which I am having mailed to you, for your perusal.

The bituminous mines are distributed into five districts - The Southwest, consisting of the states of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, is designated as Division 4. A director or Presidential representative will be appointed in each district, who, through the President, will have control of the production and distribution of the coal from the respective districts. It is of the uttermost importance to the owner and operator of the mine, the men employed and the public in general that such appointee be qualified, competent and dependable in his administration.

The expense of the director and his staff is to be paid by assessments on operators on a tonnage basis.

It was understood by our representatives, while in Washington, the President would desire a recommendation for such appointee from the respective districts.

A meeting of the operators of the Southwest, with 115 in attendance, convened in Kansas City Thursday, September 28, to receive report of Washington committee, and, after an all-day session, during which the code and its workings were explained and discussed, the selection of a man, to be presented to the President as the preference of this district, was voted upon. Mr. W. C. Shank, of Kansas City, Mo., was nominated and, by motion, the rules and regulations of the Association were waived and he was made the choice by acclamation. Attached is a press item of the meeting.

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Governor Alfred M. Landon - #2 - Oct. 1, 1933

In the judgment of the writer, Mr. Shank, if appointed, will ably fill the position to the satisfaction of all. Briefly, he is a man 45 years of age, a graduate Mining Engineer from Cornell University, with a Post-graduate degree from Yale University. He began the practice of his profession as an Engineer with the J. R. Crowe Coal Company in 1911, who are extensive operators of shaft and strip mines in the states of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. He later became Vice President and General Manager of the Crowe Company.

In addition to the duties of mine supervision, Mr. Shank has been active in the sale of coal in the territory tributary to these fields, which is an important factor in the business, and has a wide general knowledge of the coal industry of the Southwest.

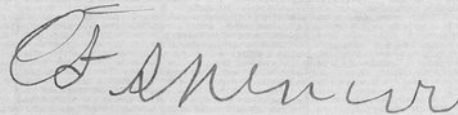
I believe we are all fortunate that Mr. Shank is available for this position.

I am quite confident the President will want your advice in this appointment and I sincerely hope you may see your way to recommend Mr. Shank for the position.

I would be pleased to have you communicate with Mr. C. A. Burnett, of Pittsburg, who is well acquainted with Mr. Shank.

Sincerely,

CFS WD





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NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 6, 1933

*File  
69  
NRA*

Honorable Alfred E. Landon,  
Governor of the State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I want to thank you for the cooperation which you have given to the women of your State who lead in the work of the NRA.

Through the County Chairwomen and their workers, it is my understanding that practically every home, even throughout the rural districts, is being visited and the women are putting on a very intensive educational program.

I am very anxious to have a letter from you giving your appraisal of the women's work in Kansas. Will you tell me something of the extent of the work which they have done and how you think it has contributed to the cause of the NRA? I shall want to enclose your letter in my report to the President.

It is sometimes thought that the bulk of the enthusiasm of the NRA resides mainly in Washington and this part of the country, but that is not true. We, here, eagerly await the reactions from the various states.

It is my purpose, if these reports from the Governors of the several states are sufficiently illuminating, to release them for publication from our National Headquarters' Press Service.

I am

Respectfully yours,

*Mary E. Hughes*  
Mary E. Hughes,  
Head, Women's Division,  
National Recovery Administration.





## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1220S

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ION ALFRED H LANDON=

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS TOPEKA KANS=

I HAVE JUST SENT THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ICKES THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT WROTE THE OIL CODE STATING THAT THE OIL INDUSTRY COULD NOT AGREE PERIOD IN DOING SO THEY PLACED UPON THE INDUSTRY AN ADDITIONAL OPERATING COST OF BETWEEN TWO AND THREE CENTS A GALLON FOR GASOLINE NOTWITHSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOWED WE WERE ALL LOSING MONEY PERIOD A FEW MAJOR COMPANIES ARE WILLING THAT THIS CONDITION SHOULD EXIST FOR REASONS WELL KNOWN TO YOU AS THEY ARE TO THE RANK AND FILE OF THE INDUSTRY PERIOD WE ACCEPTED YOUR CODE AND ARE UNDERTAKING TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO ITS PROVISIONS IN ANTICIPATION THAT PRICE PROTECTION WOULD BE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT TO AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF THE EXTRA CHARGES UNDER THE CODE AND DEFICITS WHICH WERE ACCRUING PERIOD THE PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND=

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THE INDUSTRY ANTICIPATED THAT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE  
LARGELY FOLLOWED PERIOD THE RANK AND FILE OF THE INDUSTRY  
ARE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN ADOPTING ITS  
RECOMMENDATIONS PERIOD THIS DELAY IS CREATING CHAOS AND  
MAKING IT MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT EACH DAY FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT TO FIX REASONABLE MINIMUM PRICES FOR THE PUBLIC  
AND THE INDUSTRY PERIOD UNLESS THIS INDUSTRY HAS PRICE  
PROTECTION THE NRA CANNOT SUCCEED PERIOD THIS GREAT BASIC  
INDUSTRY MUST AT LEAST BREAK EVEN PERIOD GOD HELP THE  
NATION AND THE NRA PROGRAM UNLESS THIS INDUSTRY HAS SOME  
SMALL MEASURE OF SUCCESS PERIOD DELAY IN NAMING APPROXIMATE  
COST PRICES OF AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF ONE DOLLAR AND ELEVEN  
CENTS A BARREL FOR THIRTY SIX GRAVITY CRUDE WITH PROPER  
DIFFERENTIALS AND MINIMUM PRICES OF SIX COMMA SIX AND ONE  
HALF AND SEVEN CENTS A GALLON FOR GASOLINE AT THE  
REFINERIES IS ENDANGERING THE WHOLE NATIONAL PROGRAM PERIOD  
CHAOS IS BEGINNING TO PREVAIL IN THE=

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

INDUSTRY AND THE WHOLE NRA PROGRAM BECAUSE OF PROCRASTINATION IN THE ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM WHICH THE INDUSTRY HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE WOULD BE PROMULGATED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CODE PERIOD I AM SPEAKING FOR FORTY THOUSAND STOCKHOLDERS OF AN INTEGRATED COMPANY WHICH HAS BEEN LOSING APPROXIMATELY A MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH WITH AN AVERAGE OPERATING COST AS LOW AS ANY IN THE INDUSTRY EXCLUDING THE EXTRA COSTS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOSED BY THE CODE UNDER WHICH WE ARE OPERATING WRITTEN BY THEIR GOVERNMENT PERIOD STATISTICS SHOW THAT OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS THE COST OF GASOLINE TO THE PUBLIC EXCLUSIVE OF TAXES HAS BEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY THREE HUNDREDTHS CENTS PER GALLON PERIOD IT WILL NOT NOW BE NECESSARY TO NAME SUCH PRICES EXCLUSIVE OF TAXES IN ORDER TO SAVE THE RANK AND FILE OF THE INDUSTRY AND TO MAKE YOUR PROGRAM A SUCCESS PERIOD PERMIT ME TO RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOW THE=

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
OR DISCHARGE IT UNQUOTE I HOPE YOU WILL FULLY SUPPORT ME  
BY TELEGRAPHING A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO SECRETARY ICKES PERIOD  
I HAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNORS OF OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS  
WILL SEND SUPPORTING TELEGRAMS THIS MORNING=  
FRANK PHILLIPS.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE