

4622 So. 6<sup>th</sup> St.,

Louisville, Ky., Dec 26, 1938

Hon Marriner S. Eccles,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I heartily agree with your letter to Senator Byrd, printed to day, and congratulate you on your ability to see and courage to speak out so thoroughly. You are right; we do not want a dole! I and many others that I know have tried repeatedly to get private employment. We want the "basic" right - the "chance to work" that you write of so pointedly.

Eleven years in Y. M. C. A. shop work, holding religious meetings in the large Louisville and Nashville plants, I was let out because the railroads were hit first, reducing forces by thousands. I was unable to make other connections because the depression was reaching all kinds of employments.

Unable to get regular work, though I tried on many different lines, I was finally given W.P.A. work on writer's projects mostly.

Now I am let off because of shortness of funds, ~~my notice~~ of termination of em-

employment states. My supervisor was told that my age was the cause, - I am past 65 - but he says that I am able to do the work and do it better than any one he knows that is available. I was writing in connection with the rehabilitation of the City Library's Museum from damages done by the 1937 flood.

I and many others are glad for a man who speaks out as you do, and feel sure that you will help us to get back to work, as well as to keep others at work, so as not to be made to feel that we are paupers on a dole.

In private industry, I understand, men at 65 who are able and want to work maybe kept at work. Why should not this be true of W.P.A. work as well? Why not keep men who need work, who can do it, and want work and not a dole?

Keep up your good work, not only for us who need work but to avert threatened financial catastrophe. A voice like yours helps. You are in earnest. I feel sure you will keep on and will secure real results for us who want to work - Very respectfully  
Leabell Chadwick.

January 3, 1939.

Mr. Cabell Chadwick,  
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Dear Mr. Chadwick:

This is to thank you for your letter of December 26th with reference to my recent reply to Senator Byrd. It was encouraging to have your comments.

You confirm what I have heard from many other sources that there are countless able, deserving men unable to find, but infinitely preferring, employment in private enterprise. Until such employment is provided, I agree that the government has a responsibility to use these citizens in useful public works.

I wanted you to know that I appreciated hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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