

418 1/2 Mildred St.,
Montgomery Ala
Dec. 27th, 1938.

Mr. Marquis S. Eccles
Chairman Federal Reserve Board.
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir:

Will you please allow this
from me a stranger, but a loyal American.

You reply to Senator Harry F. -
Byrd, I believe, suits with the approval
of every thinking American, who knows
anything. I am enclosing the "clippings"

With out this relief many would
suffer, there is to be scores of good
men on the relief that would not
be there if other jobs was available, that
I know, they are not looking "something
for nothing."

Mr. Eccles for 30 years I traveled
on the road selling goods, I am 58 years
old, today I am out of work and have
been for last 7 or 8 years you might say
only catching what I could, myself & others
today will not employ over 40.

I traveled and sold guns and ammunition
for 20 years, 10 years with the Otter Cartridge Co.
7 years with Remington Arms Co. now owned by

No 2

The "Reports" I got out Sept 1930
"Conditions" I was traveling at the
time Delaware and Maryland.
Since 1930 I have had it tough, have
sold during last 8 years Insurance, Audies
& various things however they have not
amounted to much,

My home town and state is
Wilmington N.C. Came here living with
my brother who carried off & it
have tried every where to get connected
after all it takes that which I have
not, "money" to get started the W.P.A.
here is slow down they are on the waiting
list just lots of good men.

Mr. Eccles is it possible that you
could suggest something, after giving the
above outline of my past, I know
that you are a busy man but a
word a suggestion from you I would
appreciate. I am in good health and
can do if I get it.

With best wishes, I am thanking you
in advance.

Yours very truly
W.L. Robbins

January 3, 1939.

Mr. W. L. Robbins,
418½ Mildred Street,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Robbins:

This is to thank you for your letter of December 27th with reference to my recent reply to Senator Byrd. Your own experience is similar to that of innumerable others who, like yourself, have taken the trouble to write to me.

It is especially distressing to me not to be able to make a genuinely helpful suggestion to you or to so many other deserving Americans who through no fault of their own are in distress and who, like yourself, are experienced in business, are capable, and are anxious to find employment in private enterprise.

It is because of such circumstances as you describe that I particularly resent the charge made by Senator Byrd that "millions of able-bodied citizens rely upon the government for support and have ceased to exert their efforts for self-help to obtain private employment." I see no other solution except for the creation of more not less employment, and a larger not a diminished national income. That will help to solve your individual problem and that of many others who need, want and are capable of work.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

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Board of Governors
of the
Federal Reserve System