

November 21, 1941.

General E. M. Watson,
Secretary to President Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

You may recall that I discussed with you on my recent trip to Washington the matter of a new hat for the President.

The John B. Stetson Company is making a special Ermine Beaver hat of which there have been only about ten sold in the United States. Confidentially, they cost \$150.00, are guaranteed for life, are enclosed in a beautiful leather case carrying a guarantee including \$150.00 life insurance policy and the further fact that the hats will be cleaned, relined and new sweat bands furnished as often as the owner may require it without additional cost. It is a bonafide hat including an endowment fund to take care of its up keep. As a matter of fact, after seeing this hat, I became so enthusiastic about it I bought one for myself.

It is my plan to be in Washington Saturday, December 13th, to attend the Gridiron dinner and if there is any possible chance on that day I should like to present the President with his new hat - without any photographs, publicity or anyone knowing anything about it. Meanwhile, if this is impossible, I will turn the hat over to you to deliver the first opportunity as I do not want any publicity or recognition in any manner, other than to know the President will have one of the finest hats in the United States - 7 3/8, his size.

I hope you do not consider it was presumptuous on my part in sending the telegram regarding the strike situation. We have been following this matter up vigorously in our newspapers and I felt that the telegram contained the sentiment of the great majority of our people in Texas and, I imagine, throughout the country as a whole. It was sent with my sincere best wishes.

Sincerely,

AGC.KD