

Jan. 31, 1926

Mr. John L. Lewis,  
International President,  
Bellevue-Stratford Hotel,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother: -

There has been a number of men in our district that have requested me to try and arrange a conference between yourself, Alexander Howat and myself, with the view of reinstating Mr. Howat and the old Board to all their rights and privileges in the Organization. We feel that if this could be done, harmony could be restored among all factions in the district.

We are looking forward to a hard struggle to maintain the Jacksonville Agreement when the dull season of the year arrives. Speaking personally, I am willing to do anything reasonable and in line with the laws and policies of our Organization, to restore harmony and strengthen the units that is so essential in making a strong Organization, thereby placing us in a position to combat and successfully overcome any attempt on the part of the operator to break thru our Jacksonville Agreement.

If it is agreeable with you to hold this conference, kindly name the date and place, but would suggest, on account of the expense, that the place of conference should not be farther away from District 14 than Indianapolis.

I sympathize with you in your hard struggle in the Anthracite situation. I think I can realize the strenuous burden that certainly must be a considerable worry. However, I feel certain that you will master the situation and come out successfully.

Yours fraternally,

*W. L. ...*  
President District No. 14

We the undersigned Board Members of District 14 indorse this communication.

*W. L. ...*  
Dan O'Donnell  
E. J. ...

*W. L. ...*  
Harry P. ...  
Hugh Craig  
Chas Skidmore