

May 30, 1935

Mr. Sam Squibb, International Pres't
The Granite Cutters' International Association
Quincy, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

This is an attempt to reply to your valued favor of May 28th, which I was glad to receive and to know that you were interested in this all-important battle that we have been carrying on in our effort to get the Administration to understand that they are making bums of honest workmen and financially ruining useful employing companies by their attitude towards the use of granite in public buildings, and all this at a time when all the radio speeches and newspaper articles would lead you to believe that a real effort was being made to employ our citizens rather than to put them on public relief, and for the same money expended, they would much rather furnish our Government with good honest well-cut granite for the buildings, and at the same time be able to hold their heads up among our citizenry as they have always done in the past.

It is true that I have worked hard and long on this matter in Washington and at times have suffered more or less from discouragement. I have put in my time and a great deal of money and have never received a penny from anybody for my work there or bills incurred. I have never asked for anything. I felt very much encouraged and did believe that Senator Bailey was really going to bring the pressure to bear that was necessary for relief. Furthermore, I felt that we had the necessary assistance for him and backing arranged that would allow him to put on the required weight to command recognition. Somehow and for what reason I do not know, the enthusiasm there has gradually subsided until it has evolved itself into another one of those terrible gestures to make the people at home feel good while nothing constructive has really been done.

I had a long talk with Senator Bailey on my last visit to Washington, which was about three weeks ago. I intend to be there again on the 6th and 7th of June and will surely

visit him unless for some uncontrollable reason I am prevented from doing so. He has always been very sympathetic and friendly and has promised and pledged and discussed the points, and in every instance I have left him with a renewed pledge that he would proceed in the near future. The other members of his committee have signed his letter to the President. This letter, as near as I can find out, and checks with your information, has never been sent to the President.

I have written to the President of our Association, Mr. James McGuire, and laid the whole matter before him, and asked for some suggestion from him.

It may be that some of the members of our Association will be in Washington on the 7th. If they are, I am going to try to get some expression from them as to what they think is best to do. I have gotten to the point where I am ready to go on without Mr. Bailey, if I can see a better way to go, as I am beginning to believe he is not going to do what we believed he would do for us. Furthermore, he is not going to make a real effort to do it. All this is tough stuff and I dislike very much to write this to you but as far as I know, it is a statement of exact facts, and has gotten us nowhere yet, though if we don't wait too long perhaps some of the agitation we made around Washington will make it easier to crack the thing up again in the near future than had we not done this pioneer work. After my return from Washington I shall probably have some crystallized idea as to how we should again renew our fight, as I have no idea yet of quitting.

In the meantime I appreciate your interest and feel sure that you will lend your weight with ours whenever it will assist.

Very truly yours,

THE NORTH CAROLINA GRANITE CORP'N

President

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