

February 24, 1937

Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice,
United States Supreme Court.

Dear Sir:-

May I be permitted to obey the impulse to address a few words to you as one citizen to another and to hope that you and the other members of the Honorable Court may personally read them.

As just a very ordinary citizen and working man of fair intelligence, guided by love of my country and its established institutions of law and order, say to you that I deeply resent the recent insults heaped upon you by a certain class of citizens and especially by those in high authority who have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Under our Constitution as interpreted by the Court my country has made it possible for me by frugal living to acquire a modest home and save a few hundred dollars for old age and adversity and I am grateful. Should I lose all my worldly goods I am only two years from public charity so I cannot be classed as a royalist or money-changer.

Before my home is taken over by the first sit-down loafer who decides he wants it and before my savings are further destroyed by unlawful acts of the present and temporary Administration, I want your Court, my Court, to have the final say. I have far greater confidence in this Court and its present members than I have in the rubber-stamp Congress.

I have been encouraged to express freely my convictions in the past on political matters to our President and to my Senators and Representatives and can see no reason why I should not express also my great confidence and respect for our Court. Thank God I still have the right of this free speech although I cannot feel sure that this letter has not been opened and that some penalty will be placed upon me in the future.

I sincerely trust that I am not placing myself in contempt of our Court by taking this liberty. I feel very deeply in this matter and I am ready to fight for what I believe to be right. It is the wish of many millions that no member should think of resigning while the present Administration remains in power.

Most respectfully yours,

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