

San Quentin, California.  
September 6, 1920.

My dear Shorty:

Want to comply with your request in the P. S. to your letter of Aug. 12, that I drop you a few lines before the convention. Your last letter came to hand in due time and you can rest assured that I read it very carefully.

Now Shorty as far as I am concerned at the convention forget it; nothing came of the efforts made at the other gatherings and it is now too late for you and others like you who are anxious to have things done to waste your time and efforts for I am satisfied that nothing would come of it. Next month will be the big month for me and that is not so far away but what I can stand it.

Brother Seahill was over to see me last Saturday and will leave shortly for your city. He said that he was going to look you up without any suggestion from me and as he has just come from here he can give you a better line than can I as to our health, appearance, etc.

He is away above the average and any little courtesty you can show him or anything that you can do for him while he is in your city will be greatly appreciated by me. I know from experience that he will be quite busy all the time but if possible I would like to have him meet some of my old friends such as the Deter's Jim Cannon and some of the old timers around the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor & Council who were there in my time. Shorty leaves here the 8th and I believe the Board will meet on the 13th. No doubt he will have more time to himself the week before the convention than he will at any time after it convenes.

I have always felt that I have lots of good friends in Cleveland and if they can make the bunch realize that during the next few weeks I will be satisfied. Here's hoping we meet at the next convention. Usual regards. We are fine and dandy. Jim joins in very best wishes to all our friends.