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**Letter to Gov. Knute Nelson  
in St. Paul, MN  
from Eugene V. Debs  
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To Hon Knute Nelson,  
Governor of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:—

Replying to your communication of even date, which I have carefully noted, I beg to say that the remaining members of the committee of the American Railway Union representing the employees of the Great Northern Railway Company will arrive in this city tomorrow, Tuesday morning, and with said committee is lodged the authority to meet the official representatives of said railway company for the purpose of negotiating a settlement of existing difficulties. The committee, promptly upon their arrival, will call upon President [James J.] Hill, of the company aforesaid, and seek by all means at their command to effect a settlement that will be just and satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Permit me to assure you that so far as the American Railway Union and its representatives are concerned, there is no disposition to continue the present unfortunate complications beyond the absolute necessities of the case; on the contrary, every effort which common

justice and a prudent regard for the public welfare and the American spirit of fair play can suggest will be exhausted to reach an amicable adjustment.

Meantime, you may rest assured that so far as it lies in my power to prevent it, there shall be no violation of any law, state or national, on the part of the employees or their sympathizers, and trusting that a prompt resumption of traffic may follow the conference, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Very truly, your obedient servant,

***Eugene V. Debs,***  
*President, American Railway Union.*

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