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ADMINISTRATOR ANDREWS ASSURED SUPPORT BY STATE GOVERNORS

The cooperation and support of state governors was promised to Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Labor Department, in communications received on the first day of operation of the Fair Labor Standards Act today.

Typical of the communications from state governors was that from Gov. James V. Allred of Texas which said, "This state will be very happy to cooperate with you in every respect". Governor Hugh White of Mississippi said, "I stand ready to cooperate in carrying out the Wage and Hour Act to the best of my ability".

The offers of cooperation were in response to a telegram from Administrator Andrews asking the support of the governors in the enforcement of the Act in the states.

Mr. Andrews' telegram said:

"THE MINIMUM WAGE AND MAXIMUM HOURS PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938 BECOME EFFECTIVE MONDAY OCTOBER TWENTY FOUR. WE EARNESTLY SOLICIT YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT IN ENFORCEMENT OF THE ACT IN YOUR STATE.

"EVENTUALLY WE HOPE TO WORK OUT WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS THAT WILL BE MUTUALLY HELPFUL.

"WE HOPE YOU WILL SEND YOUR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR TO WASHINGTON FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LABOR LEGISLATION ON NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH TO ASSIST IN WORKING OUT THESE PLANS.

"WE ARE MAILING TO YOUR COMMISSIONER TODAY COPIES OF REGULATIONS AND RULINGS ISSUED BY THIS DIVISION TO DATE TO ASSIST HIM IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES ABOUT THE ACT."

The replies included:

From Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama:

"ASSURE ALABAMA'S HEARTY SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF WAGE AND HOUR LAW. ROBERT MOORE ALABAMA COMMISSIONER OF LABOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY SUCH ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS ETC, TEMPORARILY UNTIL FULL DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH YOU. HE WILL ATTEND THE MEETING ON LABOR LEGISLATION NEXT MONTH."

From Governor Nelson G. Kraschel of Iowa:

"I AM HEARTILY IN ACCORD WITH BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT AND HAVE ARRANGED FOR OUR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR TO ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE ON LABOR LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN."

From Governor Hugh White of Mississippi:

"MISSISSIPPI HAS NO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUT I AM GOING TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE. I STAND READY TO COOPERATE IN CARRYING OUT THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. MISSISSIPPI HAS NO WAGE AND HOUR LAW."

From Governor Henry H. Blood of Utah:

"THANKS FOR YOUR KIND OFFER OF COOPERATION. HOPE TO EVOLVE INTELLIGENT PROGRAM ON RETURN FROM WASHINGTON OF CHAIRMAN KNEER OF INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION."

From Governor Richard Kirman of Nevada:

"NEVADA'S LABOR COMMISSIONER JAMES FITZGERALD NOW IN WASHINGTON. APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING HIM THERE RE PROVISIONS FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT."

From Governor James V. Allred of Texas:

"THIS STATE WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN EVERY RESPECT AND I AM REQUESTING THE HONORABLE FRED NICHOLS STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LABOR LEGISLATION."

From D. M. Ellison, Secretary to Governor Richard W. Leche of Louisiana:

"IN THE ABSENCE OF GOVERNOR LECHE I AM REFERRING YOUR TELEGRAM TO B. W. CASON, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, WHO I AM SURE WILL GIVE YOU THE FULLEST COOPERATION IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIS AGE IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA."