
Letter to the *Salt Lake Herald* from Eugene V. Debs in Terre Haute, May 31, 1894

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Absence from the city has delayed my acknowledgement of our favor of the 18th inst., with enclosure, which I have noted. I do not know who the report in question is aimed at, as I have not seen nor heard of the propaganda of vilification, etc. If there has been abuse and vilification, why not cite, at least, an instance of it, and why not name at least one of the slanderers. For my own part, I have never made a statement I cannot substantiate, and it is safe to say that 98 percent of the members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen will vouch for the truth of this averment, but I have no time to notice such talk, neither am I inclined to say or do anything that will create dissension or division. I am doing what I can to unify the great body of railway employees. I am not disposed to notice the aspersions of those who either through malice or ignorance do not comprehend my purpose. As a matter of course I have enemies, but I have not time to quarrel with them, nor do I pay any attention to them unless they plant themselves in my way. I appreciate your good words and with you feel that harmony is the one great requirement, and in spite of croakers and obstructionists the work of getting together is going on as never before.

Thanking you again for your generous words, which have found their way to my heart, I am

Yours always,

E. V. Debs.

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