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Honorable Charles Evans Hughes  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Defeat of the President's plan to pack the Supreme Court is still possible. See attached report "The Washington Situation Today".

Forty Senators (23 courageous Democrats) will fight to the bitter end IF PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORTS THEM. Twenty other Senators are still testing the public attitude before declaring themselves.

Last week our Committee distributed 1,100,000 copies of speeches by Senators Glass and Wheeler, Congressman Lemke, Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, and Dorothy Thompson. We are supplying 15-minute broadcasting transcriptions to several hundred independent radio stations.

We must now reach 6,000,000 farm homes to block Secretary Wallace's efforts to mislead farmers into believing that future farm prosperity depends upon the President's plan to change the Court. To reach this and other pivotal groups will cost a minimum of \$250,000, including postage.

To date, we have received gifts from 5,840 persons, averaging \$11.12 each. To win this fight, many more small gifts and larger gifts - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and an occasional \$500 and \$1,000 - are urgently needed.

Theodore Roosevelt said "To help in a nation's crisis men must be willing to pay with their bodies for this soul's desire". In 1776, George Washington, the richest man in his time, and his helpers risked their lives and property to establish our Constitution with protection for liberty by a non-political judiciary. How many dollars is it worth to us, individually, to preserve this?

If you are opposed to the President's plan, you can, by supporting this Committee, multiply your influence many fold. Please send your check today and it will be put to nation-wide work at once.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Gannett  
Chairman