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Chief Justice Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: - When the AAA comes before you on trial, please remember the millions of us farmers that are paying tribute, that the wheat cotton and hog farmers may receive more for their products.

Is it right that those who receive the benefit are tax exempt?

Is it just that we farmers who do not raise wheat or hogs (but depend on buying of our neighbor-farmers) should be taxed to pay them for not raising wheat & hogs when we are having just as desperate a struggle to get along as they?

Under what article of our Constitution can our government lawfully enter into a contract with private citizens, to the direct disadvantage of all other people in the U.S.?

Or what moral or legal right has a man to barter a part, or all of his free born liberty, for a mess of Government Pottage?

About 15% of the farming class, (processing tax exempt hog farmers) voted to retain the hog benefit programme. Why all this voting in a corner? The same goes for the wheat farmer.

The millions of farmers, laborers, jobless and all classes who have to pay the processing tax; why are we not allowed to vote on the question? If it is a good thing why exempt anyone?

With the world market for wheat around 60¢ per bu. why should starving people have to pay around \$8.00 to \$10.00 per bbl for flour? If the farmers of the U.S. had raised all the wheat that was imported last year they would have been enriched \$250000000 to \$300000000.

Under the AAA Potato act the government proposes to forcibly deprive us farmers of our freedom of thought, action and market. Does that comply with the intent of our Constitution? Under the dictates of AAA the cotton farmer is robbed of the export market, and is practically on a permanent government dole.

While the President, Wallace and others kid themselves that they are helping the farmers, there are millions of farmers that are not helped one iota, by the AAA. For every farmer helped a penalty of added distress to many others is the result.

We must preserve the Constitution at all cost. We cannot outgrow its standard and be true Americans with liberty and justice for all.

This letter expresses the general sentiment among farmers here. If I had time and could reach the farmers that do endorse these views, I could have you a list 4 columns wide and miles long.

So plant AAA with N.R.A. and we will be at least on the road to recovery.

Very Truly Yours,
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You have my permission to print this letter if it will do any good.

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