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Denver, Colo. March 11, 1918.

National Socialist Party,  
803 West Madison St.,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed you will find copy of letter that Mrs. McGehe, State Secretary, sent to the locals in Colorado. Also, copy of my letter to the local board, which is self explanatory. Copy of my letter to President Wilson, which I am enclosing, has nothing to do with this case, except to show the stand I took the day I registered. My refusal to sign the Questionnaire is merely a continuation of my attitude expressed to the President when I registered.

If I signed the Questionnaire, when subsequently summoned for service, failure to respond would have subjected me to Court Martial. By refusing to sign the Questionnaire, I can fight to battle in the federal court, and determine the constitutionality of the Questionnaire.

Two of the best attorneys in Colorado to handle my case--- Whitehead and Vogl. They claim they can win in the Supreme court.

Legal expense up to the present time--\$299.00. I have had to pay all this myself, aside from the \$25.00 that the Denver Local of the Socialists donated by unanimous vote, and \$10.50 donated by the locals thruout the State.

Our U.S.-District Attorney claims this case is the only attack on the constitutionality of the Questionnaire in the United States. I cannot vouch for the truth of his statement, but regardless, seems that it is worth while to make as hard and as effective a fight as possible.

Trusting you will do what you can for me, and thanking you, I am,

Yours for Socialism,

(Signed) Benj. J. Salmon,  
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Denver, Colo.