

Letter from Jerry Sampson to Mike Miller - January 8, 1966

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Dear Mike:

To the attached memo I can only add for your purposes — getting out the Movement, other strategy etc. that I spent very few minutes with Cesar, because this simply was impossible on the total schedule of the day. Therefore my comments on your questions etc. are only superficial:

1. AWOC-Labor anti-FWA. Cesar's general attitude seems to be So what? and there is nothing I or anyone else can do about this! Also a large measure of skepticism as to the firmness and unity in any plots against FWA.
2. El Paso. He referred to sending a group to this city to work against recruitment of scabs, especially the "green carders". As I understood his public explanation of this these are Mexicans admitted by immigration authorities with permission to work, who enter for a part of the year and then return to their home villages in Mexico. An effort is being made in some of these villages as well as in El Paso to discourage scab recruitment.
3. Cesar put emphasis in the press conf. and the evening speech into the idea that a "general strike" is developing for the spring in farm labor. He gave some of the details of approaches to him by farm workers in other sections of the state—even from other states—to show the extent to which the grape strike has touched off feelings and hopes!

My last hurried word with Cesar was that you would phone him this weekend if you needed more details for the Movement or other purposes.

Jerry