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Statement on threat of a strike in the garment industry, 1929.

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Cleveland is today faced with the threat of a strike in the garment industry. It is to the best interests of everyone concerned that this strike should not take place.

A strike benefits no one. The Cleveland garment industry cannot afford the disorganization consequent upon a strike and the workers cannot afford a protracted period of enforced idleness at this time of serious unemployment.

Cleveland ought not to be subjected to the nastiness of a bitter industrial conflict with all the attendant unpleasantness of picketing, strike breakers, injunctions, disturbances and suffering. There is need for leadership and vision on all sides especially now when all public officials and industrial leaders in our country are making heroic efforts to stabilize business and employment conditions.

If a strike does take place there will ultimately have to be resort to some form of mediation or arbitration. Why not now? Those who in this controversy will maintain an intransigent attitude will bring down upon themselves the condemnation of all public spirited citizens in our community.

Abba Hillel Silver