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The Call:—

“Another one of those interminable appeals for funds,” I thought, wearily, as I read your editorial urging contributions to the Socialist Party national agitation fund. Then the full significance of this feeling dawned upon my mind. Instinctive feelings most truly mirror our consciousness. And I began to be aware of the fact that for the past 4 years or so the Socialist Party, as a national organization, has become a progressively more remote entity in my mind, until now it is but the shadow of a thought, while the Socialist Party of my city [New York] — nay of my district [Local Kings County] — has assumed that all-embracing importance until it has become coextensive with the national organization in importance and significance. And I have no doubt that the above expresses the feelings of the immense majority of comrades with whom I come in contact.

There was a time when we all took a keen interest in national Socialist affairs. Now I don't even know the address of our national headquarters. I can hardly mention the names of 3 of the

members of the National Executive Committee. Years ago I took as keen an interest in the elections in California as I do right here in Brownsville. I used to read of Tom Hickey and his *Rebel*. I marveled at the gigantic encampments of our Oklahoma comrades; I prayed for Socialist unity in Oregon, and waxed enthusiastic over our prospects in Ohio. While now my thoughts scarcely pass beyond the bounds of my Assembly or my Congress district. And this reflects the thoughts of most of my comrades.

Comrade editor, may I suggest that this “drive” for the Million Dollar Fund be made the occasion for renewing our interest in and our loyalty to the national organization? Give us the Socialist news from all over the country. Let us again create that splendid zeal and fiery enthusiasm which, despite great obstacles, led to our tremendous national victory in 1912!

Fraternally yours,

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