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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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An Appeal to You.

Washington, Oct. 24, 1914.

Dear Comrade:

Many things have transpired in connection with the Free Speech fight

and the Social Party in Muskogee and

you were informed in the first letter that Comrade Brink, Hester

and I were arrested for speaking on the streets of Muskogee and were

placed in the city jail. These cases have

been appealed. Later, Comrade Brink was

arrested while announcing a meeting on the streets of Tulsa.

We were fined \$15.00 after he had

been in jail seven days. He had to

serve out the fine in jail because the

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While he was confined in a city cell

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seller's monopoly position, fixing the

prices for all other sellers and for

the consumer, who along with the rest,

for you are always poor. What the

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workers produce and can buy

with their wages keeps them alive,

but it keeps them poor. What the

workers produce more than their

wages will pay, the owners of the

private monopolies get. That is what

makes the useful people poor, and

the owners of the monopolies rich. Don't

you know that this is true?

Why then, does this needless pro-

duce? It is because of land

monopoly, mining monopoly, the

factoring monopoly, market mono-

poly. It is because the few privately

own what most of us together use.

What is the remedy?

It is very simple. Make every

privately owned monopoly a public

ownership monopoly instead. Then all

those things which all the people

use together their government will

regulate and control. Then there

will be no one to privately profit

at the loss of others, the wages, the

salaries, incomes must rise and the

poor will be able to buy and con-

sume. The workers will be able to

themselves produce. That would

make an end of poverty to all use-

ful people, and it would make an

end of private profits in the hands

of those who never created them.

And that would be Socialism—Pro-

gressive Workers.

Many speakers will be needed for

the cause, and we are now having

free speech in the two cities and we

must have more help. Not many

of our meetings have we not had in

our first call. This fight is being

waged against the Socialist Party, and

therefore, your fight in the trust

is a fight for the cause of the

people.

Comrade Crain of this city is the

Party's nominee for Congress, Com-

rade Crain is a member of the

legislature and organizer. Com-

rade Hester of Muskogee is a lecturer

at the University. Comrade Ryan

of Tulsa is a member of the legis-

lature and organizer in the Fourth

Congressional District, and Com-

rade G. B. Miller of Muskogee is

a member of the legislature and

organizer in the Fourth Congress-

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the backbone of the Socialist Party

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