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Dear Comrade

I am still in Charlotte - broke and therefore unable to do much it takes most of my time trying to get hold of a little money to live on. There is a comrade here by the name of Smith who owns a junk yard he claims that he has given over a thousand dollars to the party and that he cannot give any more because his family has his money tied up and are unsympathetic. I tried to get some money from him but have had very little luck. Sometimes I have gone over to his house to eat, but that is very risky as these pecks are watching him like a hawk and already suspect him and he is timid as hell. He has given me a few dollars since I have been here a dollar at a time with the alibi that he has no money and is making none. I am unable to go to Gastonia or any of these other places because I don't have train fare. Therefore I have to pound my heels here in Charlotte.

I was a fool for leaving New York without sufficient money to see me through. Bob said I must go and that he would send me ~~my~~ money to help me but he has not sent me a damn cent since I left Norfolk I have wasted therefore nearly 2 weeks ~~without~~ without accomplishing much. I don't see why in the hell some body can't rake up a few cents to send me from some where. Johnstone & Weisbord can get money but I can't. It is a waste of time to send a man down here under such conditions. I sent three telegrams & telephoned twice but have not received a cent. I phoned Bob Saturday and he told me to get \$15⁰⁰ from Smith & he would send me some money Monday but he would not talk to Smith over the phone and Smith would not give me the money he says that he is broke & can hardly pay his help. No money came Monday. This is a lot of god damn foolishness. Show this letter to Bob. I want him to know how I feel about this. I can't live on air ~~neither~~ can he expect me to accomplish any thing this way.

As for the situation down here, I have ³⁶
made a few connections talked with
the editor of the colored paper here, the
"Charlotte Post" and he wants to use our
service but have nothing concrete to show
yet. Did you send that material to Nor-
folk yet? Send me here about 50 copies
of the Champion some constitutions & some
application cards and other Congress material
immediately. I was allowed 15 minutes to
speak in a church here and made ^{good} an im-
pression on the congregation ~~but~~ and clam-
working this up to start a local of our
Congress here. This is a good field to work
but these people will not pay any attention
to you if you look hungry & broke. As for
that bunk Weisbord has been shooting
about the strike down here ~~I~~ doing away
with race prejudice ~~I~~ that is a lot of
bunk. The attitude of these cracker strikers
toward the Negro has not been changed
a bit. Our comrades down here ~~a~~ have re-

treated before them on the Negro question
& have let them have their way. The
Negroes have ~~gone~~ continued to work in
most places. Send our press service to this
editor right away he is going to help me
get something started here address him at
H. Houston "Charlotte Post" 307 So Caldwell
St Charlotte N. C. Write me right away &
tell me what has been going on across & about
the youth congress I don't know any thing
about what is doing there. Be sure & send me
that material immediately if you haven't
any new "Champions" send me some old sample
copies. I couldn't understand what you said
about what happened at these sessions over there
over the phone. If you can borrow some money
from Con. King to send me do so I think she
will loan you some for me. Answer this
right away Comradely yours Otto Hall
Patton's Hotel 414 E 2nd St Charlotte N. C.

