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Letter from A. M. Solie to J. J. Sullivan, August 20, 1921.

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Mr. J. J. Sullivan, Warden,  
P. O. Box 55,  
Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to write you concerning Mr. Louis Dondino who has for some months been confined under your supervision in the penitentiary.

Up to the time of his arrest for implication in the local hanging affair, Mr. Dondino was doing the hauling for the Union Match Company under contract, and in the performance of such work I had occasion to see considerable of him.

In all fairness to him I want to say that nothing occurred during the several years in which he was engaged in such work for our Company that reflected upon his ability or character.

I think his connection with the unfortunate affair for which he was sentenced was the result of a careless thought which lead him to become a more or less unwilling accomplice in transporting those who were the aggressive participants in the affair. I believe no evidence was produced in the trial to show that Mr. Dondino was aggressively or actively interested in the matter beyond carrying the said persons in his automobile.

Since he has been under sentence at Stillwater I understand his behavior has been first class, and in view of all the circumstances in the matter I wish to respectfully petition you as a member of the Pardon Board to give serious consideration to discharging Mr. Dondino on parole as soon as this may consistently be done. I feel that such an action would not be inconsistent with justice, and that it is only fair to permit Mr. Dondino as soon as possible to resume his free personal life as a good citizen.

Yours very truly

*A. M. Solie*