

If Judge Landis could stabilize the almost impossible baseball situation after the Black Sox scandal, then it was my notion that a super-czar having a prestige similar to that of Judge Landis could do something for intercollegiate athletics.

I had hoped that this scheme could be presented to the American Association of University and College Presidents in such a way that they would want to do something with it. I realize it is only they who could initiate such a move. The large majority of presidents of colleges have not been overly enthusiastic the way the football business has gone, and basketball is just as bad proportionately. Track in some sections faces the same danger. Would it not be possible to check this up to these college presidents in such a way that they could see their share in the responsibility of the thing? By their activating such a scheme it could at least be said that they were endeavoring to improve a bad situation.

My notion was that only schools that subscribe to this scheme of voluntary supervision would schedule games with teams who assumed a like supervision. You would at least accomplish this thing - that this type of school would be without the subsidizing evils that beset so many teams. My notion was that when this commissioner found many of these coaches or the faculty people responsible for infraction of the rules that he would have authority to fire them. This would relieve the college administration of many problems.

After Judge Landis had the word "may" changed to "must" before he accepted the high commissionership of baseball, then he forced the magnates into forcing him to enforce their rules. There was no alternative. Don't you believe that there is something to be gained by having a law enforcing officer from whom there is no appeal? And the reason I suggested the large salary was to get the type of man that would be above reproach and that no one would question his findings. The college conferences who were members of this working order would pay the salary of this "super-duper" official according to the proportion of their student body membership. A conference by paying this high commissioner would save more than the \$50,000 - the price they pay him - by doing away with much of the chicanery now practiced by paying a thousand dollars a piece per athlete for room, board, tuition, and so forth.

The following is off the record and I would not want to be quoted for obvious reasons. I am sending you a copy of the Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics in the Big Six. These rules are substantially the same as those of the Big Ten. On pages 12 and 13 especially are printed rules that are not observed by any conference member in either organization. When you or I read them it would make anyone laugh. If we could get a new deal, at least bring things up to present practice, and have people admit them, it would be a most wholesome thing for all of us.

The above paragraph is the only thing that I would not want to be quoted on, but it is self-evident to you.