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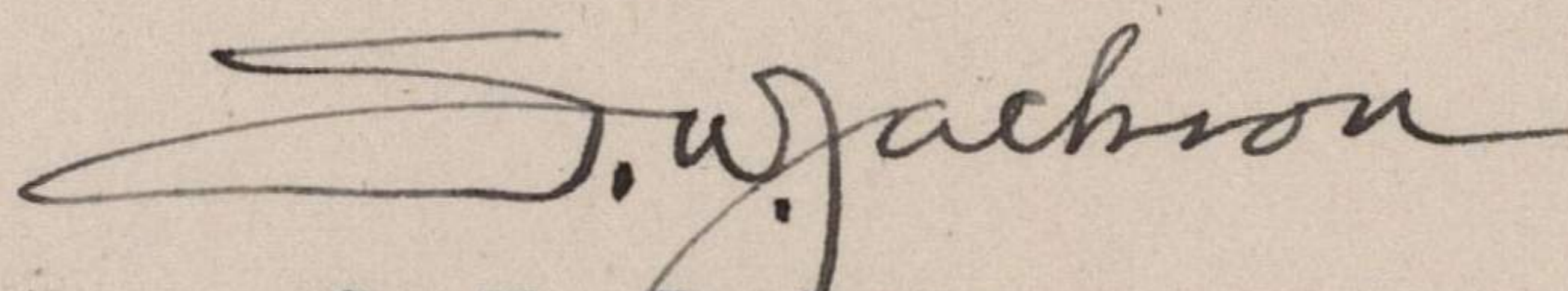
longer distance foul trials. This rule could easily be enforced by requiring each team to furnish a certified list of the height of each player to the score-keeper. Also, each player could be required to wear a small patch on his jersey, indicating his height. Foul shooting distances could be painted on the floor at 1-foot intervals and the distance could be painted in feet opposite each mark.

As basketball is universally played throughout this country by schools, colleges, clubs and other organizations; I feel the rules should be such that a youth who is possessed with more than average skill, even though he is short in stature, should have a fair chance in competition with taller applicants, who, under the present rules, have a distinct advantage in passing, shooting and jumping for the ball. Unless this advantage is minimized by changes in the rules, I believe, the short players will continue to be relegated to the sidelines and the tall players will monopolize the limelight in most of the contests, as at present.

I understand that you, along with other members of the rules committee, study many suggested changes each year for improving the rules. I trust I have not exhausted you by this lengthy suggestion and that this matter may receive your careful consideration.

With best wishes for the continued success of the game, I am,

Very truly yours,

  
S. W. Jackson