July 11, 1932.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been asked to get up a committee of authors for the support of Roosevelt in the coming campaign. I am doing this gladly and whole heartedly, for I have the deep belief that he will make a great president. I have known Franklin Roosevelt for the last fifteen years and never in all that time have I known him either lacking in courage or in character. I happen to know that it is his purpose, if elected, to surround himself by the strongest men in the country, regardless of party. Aside from the personalities of the two candidates, I think that you will agree with me that the simple clear cut pledges of the Democratic party hold forth more promises than the evasions and confusions put out by the Republicans. Please write me at once whether I can have your name. When a sufficient number have given consent, say forty or fifty, we will issue a statement setting forth our reasons for our action. At that time, I will draw up a first draft and send it to you for your corrections, additions and suggestions.

It is not my idea to go before the people as mere partisans, but as a body of independent men and women who are interested in principles rather than any parties. Our opening statement will make this perfectly clear. Again let me stress the point that nothing will ever be issued over our names without the explicit authorization of each individual member.

Sincerely,

George Creel