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Dear Miss Tarbell

I am afraid I shall not be
of much use to you on the Committee
next year & if you are to be in town
somewhere during August or early Sept. I
should like to talk to you about the
Committee work. I shall be near you in
Connecticut most of August & can motor
over if your time and interests there
will permit of trades union discussion.

I am to be head of the
new bureau of Industries and Immigration.

a copy of the bill creating which I enclose.
It is this which will practically tax
up my energies this year. It is a rather
big proposition, along with the bills and
in my judgment presents a big opportunity
and precedent for this country. When he has
treated the immigrant as an adjunct to
labor with little regard for him as a man, or
for his education, accumulation or welfare
and accredits which have bureaus in any
way similar to the proposed one are
there only to get labor to promote industry.
For New York state to go on record from the
other end of the line and to be willing to
do the pioneer work for itself and the other
states seems to me a good opportunity to
lay a human foundation under the legal

and administrative machinery. And we have
very great powers, and an unlimited
fund for education.

I see no reason why I
should not stay on the Committee if you
will be patient with my absence from
meetings and inability - to do as much as
I had hoped. On the other hand I am very
willing to relinquish my membership to
anyone who can give more service. It
maybe that somewhere along the line
the two fields of work will touch
advantageously because so large a part of
the work of the new bureau will be
concerned with labor problems, and
emphatically women, I hope. I feel
perhaps an additional responsibility -

is confining my whole energies to the
new look, for conservative patronage
hidden and New York State does not
often give a woman a chance to do
constructive work, with wide powers,
alongside and on equal terms with
her work and machine men.

I shall hope to talk
the matter over with you when you
have time.

Sincerely
Frances A Keller

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