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My dear Miss Tarbell,

I read your brisk indictment of the Story of the Standard Oil Co. with eager curiosity, then indifference, and then, next satisfaction!

It will of course appear in book form. Would it be worth while to add to the note about Vantzebeli's law suit that the damages for G. were so limited by the jury because of the instructions by the judge? I like to have the judges get all the credit they deserve for the justice they

dispenne (with); and wanted
such a hint the general readers
might infer that Van Dyke's ^{writing} rights }
were as insignificant as the
sum he recovered.

I confess to having my
prepossessions somewhat
stirred by a sentence in the con-
cluding Paragraph of the Editor-
ial announcement in October,
which seemed to forecast out
the view that the Standard had
succeeded because had used the
modern weapon of combination,
while their opponents had failed
because they clung to the old-
fashioned methods of individualism.
That, in short, it was the latest
rehearsal of the old drama of
the machine against the hand.
Of course, the oil trust could
not do better "insurgency" than



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that. A few immorals by
 the way must be overlooked
 in the general or the business
 man who gets possession of the
 heaviest burdens. But your
 record has at its beginning
 made it plain that the opponents
 of — or rather the men dis-
 possessed by — the monopoly
 preceded it in every legitimate
 use of combination, and if
 left unhandbagged would
 have gone on, naturally, in
 the evolution of combination
 to higher forms. The Tide Water
 Pipe Line and the Pure Oil
 Co. are pertinent illustrations.

Paulsen is sending you I
believe the affidavits you
wanted. I forwarded her the
combination of the keys in
which they were kept. When
I get home I will send
you a suggestive little mem-
orandum. I once received.

Did you see Lighten
Williams? You would not be
able to see what he has to
tell; but some of our best
illumination comes from
things we cannot repeat or
print. Faithfully,
H. D. Lloyd

