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A. C. Woerfel
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January 12, 1932.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
c/o Cosmopolitan Magazine,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Dear Madam:-

In the Cosmopolitan Magazine you have an article in which you make a comparison of many of the present great industrial leaders with Abraham Lincoln.

Far be it from me to throw any cloud over the luster of the greatness of these men -- these wizards of modern business -- but the more I have thought over your comparison, the more disgusted I have become, when I remember that the great Lincoln ever stood for human rights, whereas these leaders are interested first, last and always in property rights.

The capitalistic leaders have brought untold misery to the economic, industrial and domestic life everywhere in our nation, all because of the greed of these men and the soulless corporations managed by them and I am wondering if such a man as Lincoln would manage one of these corporations as did they.

Shakespeare says: "You take my life when you do take the means whereby I live", and Lincoln said: "When it comes to a question between man and the dollar, I am on the side of the man every time."

Yours very truly,

A. C. Woerfel.