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My dear Madam:-

I am sending you with this copy of a "Brief" submitted by myself and four others to the Ways and Means Committee at Washington in 1908, requesting a reduction in the tariff on lead.

This commodity is monopolized absolutely by a very small group of men, who are putting every man, woman and child, - every municipality and household in this country, under tribute to them without any benefit whatever to the country.

The wage scale for the few thousands of Miners is dictated absolutely by this group of men, who control this industry and they fix the price of their metal as arbitrarily as the price has been fixed by the Standard Oil Company.

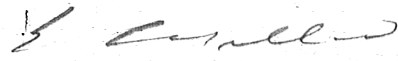
I call your attention to the cartoon between pages 16 and 17, and would like to inquire whether or not you can employ your "frenchant pen" in bringing about a change in the tariff on lead, as well as on Zinc, Aluminum and Antimony Regulus, - the production and distribution of which is controlled absolutely by this same group of men.

Everybody knows the result of your fight with the Standard Oil Company, and if you will look into this lead and metal situation you may possibly conclude that you have here also a "foeman worthy of your steel"

I should not presume to write to you over this matter, did I not believe you were deeply interested in the welfare of the American People.

I remain, with much respect,

Yours very truly,



To  
Miss. Ida M. Tarbell,  
c/o The American Magazine,  
New York, N.Y.