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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

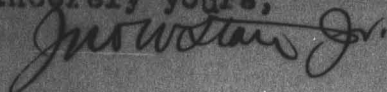
Referring to your letter October 13th in which you stated that just as you were leaving New York the copy of my "Lincoln and the Railroads" had come to your desk and that upon your return you would read the book and write again, I am wondering if you have been able to do so and what your reactions have been. Naturally I wish to hear from our leading Lincoln authorities.

I have seen a copy of the letter Dr. Barton wrote Rodd, Mead & Co. and have been the recipient of several letters from other Lincoln authorities and they have made me feel very good in that it is their belief that I have made a permanent contribution to the literature of Lincolniana. The only discordant note I have seen thus far was the review of Carl Sandburg in the Herald-Tribune, wherein in one breath he praises the production and in the other condemns for having "missed" something. Of course he should realize that we all approach a subject from different angles and it was not my intention save incidentally to touch upon the slavery question. I wrote him at some length the day the review appeared but have had no reply. Several have written me concerning his review with no disparagement of your humble servant.

Wishing you the best there is for the New

Year I am

Sincerely yours,



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