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Chicago, Ill., July 17, 1899.

Ida M. Tarbell.

I replied to your favor of 12th and have concluded to send you the enclosed in order to aid you in any historical account you may publish of the "Great Chicago Conspiracy." There is much interesting matter that could be compiled in this "Camp Douglas Conspiracy," of truthful character, and I trust you will devote yourself to the task ~~for~~ ^{not only for} the benefit of future times but for the present. If you do not understand what I have written you about "Fugitive Service Law" in my last, I will just state that all New England went against the "Fugitive Slave Law" and ¹⁸⁵⁰ now they have "Service" law just as odious as the old Fugitive Slave Act, but while men bear their crosses meekly, ~~let~~ let me assure you that it is the women of today who are sufferers from that Civil "Service" act, and they will be none too soon in finding it out. I will be glad to aid, with my limited means, in all your worthy work.

Truly,
Henry C. Strong

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