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As time went on various suits had been conducted after this indictment. At another one the Standard had lost—four juries—two Grand juries and two petit juries had given unanimous verdicts against the defendants.

I had gone to great pains and considerable expense in getting reports outside of what Mr. Rogers gave me. I studied the case and talked it over with a lawyer. I believed that I had been entirely fair to Mr. Rogers. I did not believe that he should ever have been indicted; I did believe that his fellow directors in the convicted concern had been guilty as charged.

I wrote the article with the greatest care, as I said, and when it was done I did what I had never done in any other case I asked Mr. Rogers himself to read it. Quite promptly I received an invitation to call on him at 26 Broadway. (See Interview)

When I had come for the interview I noticed there were a large pile of manuscripts on the table and there was no reference to it until after we had finished our discussion of the article. We finished it amicably and I was relieved having a big sigh of relief that we had gotten through without an open break, for I knew this article did not give Mr. Rogers the clean that he wanted for the

"Here are some papers," he said, "which bear on this that I want you to examine here in my presence."

Two of them did not impress me but the third did. It was the report of the receiver finally appointed to settle up the affair.
The affairs of the Buffalo refinery came out of these long and repeated suits but hopelessly involved financially ruined. The receiver had been appointed and this was his report.

"I do not believe," said Mr. Rogers, "that this will lighten your case. I have evidence here that will show you that the lawyers themselves were in conspiracy. There is no other way to show you."

The receiver's report he gave me showed on the last page a sum paid to the lawyers amounting to $25000.00.

"There," Mr. Rogers said, "you can see why they were so eager to convict us. They were making a raid on the Standard, and the were with them. As true as you see."

And I did see. Two of the men down in the receiver's report were receiving large sums of money were two Buffalo judges, judges which I did not remember at the moment. They had nothing to do with the case after their appointment to the bench but had been the lawyers in the early days.

My first impression was that Mr. Rogers was right - there was no other explanation. (See notes attached)

I did as I had told him I might. I made a detailed study of the testimony, sending to Buffalo for a certified copy, bringing in a lawyer for consultation. Both procedures I told him I must follow and he agreed with them willingly.
But study the matter as honestly as I could, I could not get Mr. Rogers' interpretation of the conspiracy, and I so wrote him. Later I explained my point of view fully, but he and I never discussed it again. Indeed, it was three years before I saw him again. My history had been published. Mr. Rogers had had an exciting experience in copper, had figured in the spectacular articles.

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