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Mr. E. S. Breckings,
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My dear Mr. Breckings:

I hope you have not quite forgotten me. We had an occasion²¹ contact in Washington during the War, which I remember with interest; and now I have a piece of work on hand, the subject of which at least I know will interest you. It is a life of Judge Gary, particularly his relation to the building up of the United States Steel Corporation, and I am reaching a point where I am touching briefly on his activities in the War.

I have read your testimony before the Congressional Committee looking into the conduct of the War. I knew that you were associated constantly with Judge Gary in the matter of price fixing, and I gather from the testimony that you found him uniformly fair and helpful. I am right, am I not?

I should appreciate it if you would write me a few words giving your opinion of his contribution; or, if you have said in print exactly the thing you would like to have quoted, to refer me to it.

Trusting that I am not imposing upon your kindness in making this request, believe me, my dear Mr. Breckings,

Sincerely yours,