

August 29, 1925

Mr. R. S. Brookings
26 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr' Brookings:

I wrote you a few days ago, sending my letter to St. Louis, but yesterday learned that you probably are in Washington at the above address, so I am venturing to repeat my request.

As I told you in a former letter I am working on a life of Judge Gary, particularly on his work in building up the United States Steel Corporation. I of course am touching on the work of the Corporation in the war. I have come to the conclusion from the documents I have examined that his attitude was consistently coöperative, and I take it from your testimony before the Congressional Committee that you, who were so close to him from the time you became Chairman of the Price Fixing Committee of the War Industries Board, found him intelligent, tactful and helpful. Am I right in this conclusion?

If you were willing, my dear Mr' Brookings to give me a few sentences as to the kind of coöperation that you had from Judge Gary, I should be glad to use them.

One more question. In talking with Judge Gary not long ago in regard to the Pittsburgh plus, he said that in the war he advised the War Industries Board - and I take it that it was your Committee - to do away with Pittsburgh-plus, but that practically all of the steel men were opposed. Is there any record of the incident? Or do you remember it? I shall be grateful for any information you can give me on the point.

Trusting that I am not imposing upon your time and good will in sending you this letter, believe me, my dear Mr. Brookings

Sincerely yours,