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September 28, 1925.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

The galley which I am now returning to you herein, has been read quite carefully by me more than once, and I am afraid I may disappoint you by saying that I have no criticism whatever to offer. On the other hand, I am much pleased by the graceful manner in which this difficult period has been covered, and I feel you have not over-stressed the part which Judge Gary played. In the steel industry -- the most important single industry that related to the war -- he was the controlling figure at a crucial time, and he responded in a manner to invite almost universal commendation.

I thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment on your references to myself, but I must confess I have no feeling about them except appreciation. I am glad that I chanced to play this little part in the career of the man whose story you are telling.

I have suggested in the margin that "Armco" may be the word you wish to use instead of "Amico" (sheet 91), but I am not positive of this.

The incident of the gentleman who criticised Mr. Farrell for not opening the lake season earlier, occurred while I was presiding at a conference between certain members of the General Munitions Board, Mr. Farrell, General Goethals, and Mr. Denman, who was then, I believe, the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, or the Emergency Fleet Corporation. I am sure you do not want to use Mr. Denman's name, and I do not know that you want to modify the expression that you have already used; I merely mention it because it is not exactly accurate to say that it was a member of the General Munitions Board. However, the point is well made, regardless of the organization which the gentleman represented.

You have been making such splendid progress with this task that you must now be at the point where you are feeling gratified with respect to it. I certainly hope so, and I trust it has not drawn too heavily upon your strength.

Is it not interesting to see some of our former war comrades back in harness in Washington in connection with the Air Inquiry? I have no doubt this will lead to helpful results.

Cordially yours,



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