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My dear Mr. Young:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a correspondence which I have just had with Sumner Blossom, the editor of the American Magazine— the magazine which wishes to publish the study of your life, which I have undertaken.

I hope you will think well of Mr. Blossom's suggestion and let me try an interview.

Perhaps you will recall that last August, when you were good enough to see me, you said that someday you would like to talk on the relative position in this country of politics and industry.

"We have built up," you said - I am quoting from notes made soon after my visit - "We have built up a political organization which reaches down to the last man and which functions with fair satisfaction. It is accepted by the people. There is grown up by its side, by process of gradual integration, not calculated or understood, an industrial organization affecting every man and woman in the country. This organization has a sensitive temperament easily disturbed. The political organization not understanding the industrial organization is continually sticking its finger into the big integrated mass and the world trembles. How are the two to be adjusted? Can they be so stabilized that they will function harmoniously? Can we train them to pull together?"

And then you told me a story of Mr. Titlow's reply when someone said of a new team he was driving — one grey, one brown, the brown pulling ahead.

"Uncle Abe, that brown is faster than the grey!"

"No," said Uncle Abe, "that is the way they started."

Could this talk be expanded? Would you be willing to set forth in addition your ideas of the place and importance in our system of the industrial leader — the need of his recognition by people and politicians — his opportunities for public service — the nature and value of this service?

Possibly you would be willing to add that because of your belief in the high nature of service in the field of industry and economics — the field of your having an experience — you feel towards the presidency as you did in 1924 towards the Governorship of New York — if that is true!
Are you willing, my dear Mr. Young, to talk it over with me? The ideal thing of course would be to work out an expression to which you would be willing to put your name; the second best — an interview. How about it? With apologies for placing so long a document before you, believe me

faithfully yours

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