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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I thank you very much for the courtesy of your reply, under date of the first instant, to my letter of March twenty-ninth.

I regret that you haven't the time to take up the matter of the history of the United Fruit Company's connection with the affairs of the American Banana Company and have it published by some prominent periodical.

Since, however, you contemplate making a study of complaints against great corporations, two or three years hence, and desire additional information in regard to the case in question, I now enclose herewith an English translation of a letter recently received from the President of Costa Rica, who was the Banana Company's attorney in that country years ago, in which he states that the history of the Banana Company's case, as set forth in my letter to the Internal Revenue Department, a copy of which was mailed to you, is correct or substantially so. I would prefer, however, that that letter would not be used for publication.

For additional data, in regard to the methods of the United Fruit Company, I would refer you to the records of the case of the Receiver of the Bluefields Steamship Company versus the United Fruit Company, in the Federal Court at Philadelphia. That case, according to my recollection, was tried in about 1914. I would also refer you to the record of the special jury that was convened in New York City, at an earlier date, for the purpose of investigating the dealings of the United Fruit Company, in order to determine whether it had violated the Sherman Anti Trust Law. Ample evidence was placed before that jury, including my own testimony, to enable it to indict, but the jury was adjourned subject to recall, but, as far as I am informed, it was never reconvened.

If you can suggest any high class prominent periodical that might publish my history of the American Banana Company, I would appreciate your doing so.

Very sincerely yours,

H. L. McConnell

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Enclosure.

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Copy of translation from Spanish

Presidential Palace, March 8th, 1927.

Mr. E. L. McConnell,
Mobile, Alabama.

My dear Mr. McConnell:-

After so many years of not hearing from you, I was very pleased to receive your letter of the 29th. of January. It is a pity that your letter refers to that ill-fated matter of the Sixaola, which caused you so many losses and trouble, and which I sadly recall. The expose which you sent to the Internal Revenue regarding the development of that business which had such a bad ending, was very well related. The principal cause of your failure was due to the partial conduct of Mr. Merry. If he had given you his aid, and the American Government their part, I am sure that the proposition which you made to the Government of Costa Rica would have passed it not only being for your good, but also for that of our country. It was an equitable measure which should have been adopted.

Hoping that you have recovered your losses of that time by some other business, I am, your friend and servant,

RICARDO JIMENEZ

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