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Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am asking Mr. Marsh to take up with you the matter of the writing and publication of a little book on Natural Monopolies. My idea is that we should give a short sketch of oil, coal, copper and iron, devoting several chapters perhaps to each, and some of the points to be covered in these sketches of the history of these monopolies are; first discovery, development, importance or necessity from the standpoint of the country, trusts in connection therewith and great fortunes resulting therefrom, the whole book to conclude with a plea for the ownership of the natural resources of the ^{earth} ~~mines~~ by the whole people.

It seems to me that a great many people are now thinking along these lines and that such a book as I have attempted, somewhat lamely, to sketch would do much towards bringing this most important question before the people, and perhaps do something towards reforming our greatest evil, as I see it, in modern conditions.

I hope that you may see fit to consider the proposition seriously and I should like the book for publication, if possible, during next year.

Yours very truly,

Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

George P. Brett