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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thanks for your letter.

I don't know why I care particularly about seeing the Steffens story put straight, but there seemed to me to be so much fraud about him that I resent it when the younger readers and reviewers set such high value on his descriptions of himself and his doings.

I've sent for Mark Sullivan's book. Here, by way of contrast, is a straight thinker & straight shooter.

I am delighted to know that you are doing some recollections and shall eagerly look forward to them. If magazine publication has not been arranged would they fit the "Post" and if so may I call their editorial attention to the fact that you are doing this stuff?

It amused me to be called a "modern." I just ain't! I'm the old-fashionedest thing a-going. The real moderns confound me, and I can't believe they like all they appear to like.

I do hope we can have a good visit together when mild weather comes. I have,

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as you must know, long been one of your
ardent adorers, and it does me good just
to think of sitting down with you and
having a grand talk.

I'm trying to find out what you've
been finding out — how to get the most
out of myself under existing conditions.
Resting after meals is taking such a lot
of time. But I get better right along, I
think. It's just a question of how fast the
progress can be made to go. I look well,
but queer things happen when I exert myself
or hurry a little.

But I've seen a lot and had a wonderful
time of it, and my children are happily
settled, and my main tie to interest in
life is my wonderful Margot. I'd like to get
really well on her account much more than on
mine. I'd like to take her places and give
her the grand times she deserves.

Do try to come here! She'd enjoy you
as much as I would. Her appreciations are so sure
and so utterly right! Affectionately Julian

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