Feb. 1, 1923

Mr. John Parker,
9th & Sansom Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Parker:

I have your letter of January 26.

Yes, my History of the Standard Oil Company has been out of print for some time. There is so little sale for a book of that size and price that my publishers have hesitated about reprinting, thinking they would lose money on it.

It is of course possible that the Standard Oil Company has bought up copies, but I doubt it a little. It would be quite out of the question for them to suppress the book entirely - it is in all the libraries.

I am interested in the work you are planning, but I am so overloaded with work at the present moment that I doubt whether I could give you any coöperation. I would be glad, however, to talk with you. I am going away next week, but shall be back after the middle of the month and could arrange at any time then for an interview.

Thanking you for your interest, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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