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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have delayed replying to your letter of 14th. inst., in the hope of seeing Mr. Kemper; but he has not been in town for some little time, and I suppose is detained within the Hospital limits. When I last saw him, he told me that the Judge and the Clerk of the County Court had refused him access to the records, and that he had spoken to Mr. Frank B. Kennedy, an attorney of this place, about getting for him the data you desire. I have seen Mr. Kennedy, who informed me that he had made a search on the basis of information furnished him by Mr. Kemper, but had not found the desired information. I told him of your letter to me, and he promised to come to my office and get the reference to the particular suit to which you refer, and make a further examination. Mr. Kennedy is very competent and reliable, and I have no doubt that he will get this data for you. I shall be sure to see him again and have him attend to it.

It is unfortunate, in more than one way, that the authorities, with whom I have pleaded in vain, should have denied Mr. Kemper access to the records - unfortunate, from

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the standpoint of his being thus denied opportunity to continue the valuable research work that he was engaged in, and no less unfortunate in that it prevents him from pursuing a congenial occupation which I think was of great benefit to him personally in giving him mental occupation. I have great sympathy for Mr. Kemper in his unfortunate situation. He is a fine man, of many admirable qualities, and the best informed person in the history of this section with whom I am acquainted.

You may rely on my seeing Mr. Kennedy again, and getting him to obtain the data you wish as soon as he can conveniently do so; and I am very glad of the opportunity of aiding you in your work.

With kind regards and the best wishes of the Christmas season,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Gordon

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