R. D. 2, Box 59B
Tucson, Arizona
26 February 1931

Miss Georgia Osborne
Illinois Historical Society
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Miss Osborne,

There is nothing I dislike to much as asking to be relieved of an engagement I have made in all seriousness, particularly when it involves disrupting a program already laid out, but I am afraid I must ask you to cancel my engagement to speak before your Society in May. I came out here three weeks ago for a series of talks in the University and was immediately laid low with influenza. Since then I am just about able to pull through my weekly work. It seems to be some kind of insiduous germ, not serious, but leaving no strenghh. The Doctor tells me that I must give up speaking and traveling more than is imperative for a few month's rest, until fall at any rate. I hope I am not asking too much of you to let me off. You'll have two months in which to get a speaker, and there are so many better speakers than I am.

You might get Masters?

Won't you write me here assuring me that his is not too confusing to your plans and that you do not regard me as a slacker. I couldn't bear thah.

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Ida M. Tarbell.

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