

December 3, 1925

Mr. Lewis C. Myers
Valparaiso, Ind.

My dear Mr. Myers:

You would have had an earlier reply but there seems to have been for some reason considerable delay in your letter dated November 18 reaching me.

It was not until last Friday that I heard through Mr. Brooks of the disposition of the Magazine. I have no doubt that you have done the wisest thing though it is hard for me to give up the idea that possibly we should again have our old McClure's Magazine.

Of course I am gratified that you felt as if you wanted to round up the Gary. I have cut the last three articles into what I hope will be a fairly satisfactory continued narrative; and that is now at the office.

It is a great satisfaction to me to know that Mr. McClure's remaining days will be comfortable. One of the tragic features has been the uncertainty about his future. I realize, dear Mr. Myers, that it is through your generosity that he now is ensured at least a moderate income. His friends will all feel as I do, I am sure, a deep sense of gratitude to you.

There is just one business point that I want to raise. Some little time ago Mr. McClure put in writing a contract for the two pieces of work of which we had talked. The first, the Birth of Big Business, was to have been begun in the spring. Now, what has become of this contract? In selling the Magazine, did the contracts go to the new purchaser or revert to the authors? I shall be greatly obliged if at your convenience you will let me know about this. I shall not feel myself free to make other arrangements until I hear from you.

With all good wishes, believe me

Very sincerely yours