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My dear Miss Tarbel:

Many thanks for your letter to the Times re C L S C. Only next time please consider ending with 'ten universities' instead of 'one'. I never attended a Chatauqua in Jamestown but when a small boy was allowed to attend CLSC meetings. Never during several years of university life did I see any such average avidity as was shown by that Minnesota group.

Isn't it hard to understand how the Rockefeller almoners in all these years failed to see the possibilities of adult education or even education that the educatees eagerly sought?

If you have not vowed to avoid the thorny paths of controversy there is still one big chance in the Rockefeller preserves. This time a vast service to our administration of justice calls for your kind of X-Ray.

Shortly after my Rockefeller: Giant, Dwarf and Symbol came out a man bought copies in twos and threes until once I was in and he told me: 'The Lloyd and Tarbell books were great books. You have done a good job. But I am living right now through the same injustices..... I have a suit against the Rockefellers and I am going to win it and when I do I shall put several millions of it into an organization that had the nerve to put out your book.'

Not taking his $28,500,000 seriously I began giving him time because he was seventy years old, worse than alone and a victim of hard fate if not of injustice. Gradually I began to get the tangled threads separated and now see clearly what in your hands would be a most amazing and convincing story.

On the basis of palpably forged minutes, contracts, concessions etc this engineer who built railroads and lighting plants and took $100,000,000 electrical appliances and equipment into South America was defrauded out of a railroad, thrown into jail eleven months, harassed and blackguarded from 1912 to 1934ff.

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Repeatedly he has won in courts against the great Rockefeller lawyers, four reversals in United States courts--having to become his own lawyer because somehow his hired lawyers got sick or missed appointments or forgot or otherwise collapsed.

Last summer I saw an impounded document bearing the official seals of Uruguay that had not yet been opened although it had been here twenty years and although the U S district court used a forgery of it and bad fabrication of it as the basis of a decree to deprive this man of a railroad and a good name. Later last summer the U S courts allowed him to open this original copy of a certified concession contract which the judge had refused to look at in 1922.

While under the protection of the U S department of justice and collaborating--ostensibly--with the Rockefeller law firm to translate Spanish documents for use by the U S court this man was arrested upon order of a N Y court, thrown into jail and kept there eleven months

for contempt of court

for not turning over bonds he didn't have, never had, and never could get because they were all the time in a Rockefeller safety vault!

So a court trial established after Martin Littleton showed up at the jail one morning, said he had been told of the outrage by a judge and would get this man out at no cost.

So sure of his ground was the victim that he offered to accept John D. Jr as referee provided the latter would quote the documents upon which he might base his decision. The work started. Mr. Aldrich and Dr. Gates represented John D. Jr. and they agreed upon the forgeries and fabrications. But when Charles P. Howland came back from abroad he refused to be party to his partner's conclusion because 'I did what I did under orders and agreement and do not propose to be the scapegoat.'

So the case drags on into its twenty third year. Newspapers not only will not print the facts but systematically carry falsehood about the moves. Last summer when John D. Jr escaped trial for forgery, perjury and other fraud on grounds of elapsed time--while the Chase National, Mr. Aldrich etc were held--the papers said the victim had lost his last chance but did not tell the grounds upon which Rockefeller temporarily won exemption from trial.

It's an incredible story but a live one. Please do not bother to acknowledge this at all unless you see some way to get a publisher courageous enough to tell the story from records.



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