

In reply to Schlesinger letter
of October 2, 1930

My dear Dr. Schlesinger:

Thank you for your letter
I was expecting it! But trying to get ahead of
it with a report of my own.

I wish I could tell you
that I had done as well as I hoped to do last
Spring and that you could have the manuscript -
at least the first draft - before snow flies,
but I have not done nearly so well - neverthe-
less I have made progress. A detailed analysis
of the chapters is fairly well in hand -
possibly half of the book is written. It is
difficult for me to say that it will stand as
written for my material grows constantly. I am
afraid I indulged myself in detours which I
might better keep away from.

If I could give all my
time to the book I could give you the manuscript
in a very few months, but I cannot do that. My
obligations force me to remain in active
journalism - a miserable, hectic, helter skelter
profession!

It disturbs me to know
that I am holding up your book. If the only
trouble lies in subject matter could we not
remove that by a comparison of subjects treated.
I have been keeping my eye on the original out-
line of your volume. I think I cross your
path nowhere, except possibly discussing
inventions, but as I understand it you point out
the way they changed our social life. My business
is to show the way they forced changes in our
industrial set-ups - led to an increasing degree
of integration - and made more and more difficult
the problem of industrial stability and order.
Does this treatment duplicate what you are doing?

Would it help you if I should make out a fairly detailed analysis of my chapters with suggested headings? Then, if you found that I was poaching we could easily adjust the treatment or at least I should think so. Or if you thought wiser I could talk the matter over with Dr. Fox or if you thought it better go to Boston and talk it over with you.

Believe me, dear Dr. Schlesinger, I am much humiliated in getting out this volume. The more so because I have always prided myself in keeping up to schedule. Believe me I shall do the best I can, to finish the book at an early date.

Very sincerely yours

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