

April 27, 1934

Dear Mr. Galey:

Please do not think because your letter of April 15th has not had an earlier reply that I was not delighted with it. The truth is I knew I could not accept your invitation with the letter came and I hadn't the heart to tell you so promptly.

Don't I know what it would be to go exploring the Lincoln country with you and Mrs. Galey and your daughter. Nothing would please me better.

Twelve years ago I made a tour, but of course since that time there have been all sorts of improvements in roads and in markings. It would be great fun, but I cannot do it - I am tied to my desk with a book which seems to be an endless job. But I do thank you heartily for your suggestion. Maybe one of these days when things are a little freer for me and I can make a Lincoln tour you and Mrs. Galey will join me. I am always planning something you know and so rarely carrying out my projects.

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Of course I was much interested in what you had to say about the code in the oil business, this problem of and if it is ever solved and the industry brought into an orderly shape it will take a lot of time and a lot of sacrifice. One thing in which I am in hearty agreement with you is the separation of the pipelines and the producing companies, and if I do write anything which I shall not do immediately, I think I shall make that particular thing my point of attack. As for the big companies buzzing about me in case I attempt it, that does not matter in the least. The blessings of being poor is that people with money can't bother you.

I can't close without saying again how much I appreciate your invitation to go on the Lincoln trip and how deeply I regret my inability to accept.

Cordially yours

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