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Hon. Frank O. Lowden
Oregon, Ill.

My dear Governor Lowden:

Some little time ago my friend Frederick Bancroft of Washington told me that he had suggested to you that I might be a suitable person to prepare the biography of Mr. Pullman which you and Mrs. Lowden desire to have written. Mr. Bancroft asked me to write you about the matter.

The subject interests me. Indeed, for some time I have been meaning to write you, asking where I could find the best collection of materials on Mr. Pullman's life as I wanted to prepare for a book I have under way a few pages, particularly in relation to the industrial town of Pullman and to Mr. Pullman's general views on labor as well as his relations with his employees. This work I want to do in any case.

I am very much tied up with magazine and book contracts at the present moment, and if you wish to have the work undertaken at once it would be out of the question for me to consider it. I shall be glad, however, my dear Governor Lowden, if you will be willing to indicate to me where I could find the best collection of material for the work which I have under way. That done, I possibly would be in a situation where I could, if you desire, consider the entire task. At the present moment, however, that seems to me doubtful, so much have I undertaken.

It is probable that a little later in the year, I shall be in Chicago, and if you desire to talk to me about the matter, I shall be glad to hold myself at your disposal.

Very sincerely yours

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