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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Thank you so much for your letter of the 10th, giving me your address.

I am writing an article for a Law Journal dealing with the few instances in which Abraham Lincoln was himself either plaintiff or defendant in a suit at law. I have been wondering whether you might have any data on this point further than that contained in your Life of Abraham Lincoln. In this work you refer to the Watkins suit over the horse trade; the suit on the Lincoln & Berry note by Van Bergen; and the action against the Illinois Central Railroad Co. If you can give me any additional information as to other suits in which Lincoln was a party, or can furnish me with new details as to these actions mentioned above, I shall be very grateful.

Last year I discovered the record of a suit filed in the Circuit Court here against Lincoln by the surviving members of his father-in-law's firm, charging Lincoln with having collected a claim which they had sent him amounting to \$474.00 and with converting the whole of it to his own use. It is needless to say that Lincoln proved himself clear, but this assault on his integrity was interesting. Having also discovered the original correspondence between Lincoln and his local counsel and having acquired it for my private collection of Lincolniana, I made a little book about the case, entitled "Abraham Lincoln, Defendant" and it is to be published in a limited edition by Houghton Mifflin Company in October. I shall take pleasure in sending you an inscribed copy with my compliments.

You may also be interested to know that, at the Wm. H. Winters' sale last December, I became the owner of the Turnham copy of "The Revised Laws of Indiana" which Lincoln read and which is so well described in your Life of Lincoln.

If you will write me at your convenience, I shall appreciate it.

T/J.

Sincerely,