

Interview with Judge Gary May 18, 1925

CHAPTER XV

SUIT

Every
The Judge is always a little hazy about how far we are along. I told him that the last article he read was the beginning of the first year of the Corporation, and that he is to have a second draft. He says this is very important, and repeats that he doesn't want to hurt anybody, but emphasizes this, that he wants it made clear who has been responsible for the principles and policies of the Corporation.

Says that when the suit was begun Frick inquired in the Finance Committee about what was to be done, and made a motion that the whole matter be referred to Judge Gary, with power. Gary goes on to say that he guided and framed the policy which was to be followed, that he defended the case on its merits. Tells of a letter that he wrote to Bolling from Bologna, suggesting lines to follow. After the suit was won, in a meeting of the Finance Committee one day Morgan congratulated Lindenburg for winning the suit. Gary had the Bolling letter with him and when Perkins came to the Finance Committee, he showed him the letter. Perkins handed it over to Lindenburg, who, later in the session said, "I have something to say. Mr. Morgan has congratulated me on winning the suit. Anyone who has read this letter knows that it won the case." He comments that men forget, however, and that at the recent Birmingham dinner, Lindenburg talking about the suit, says, "I was determined to do so-and-so," rather taking on himself the credit of winning. Coming back on the train, Gary says that he recalled the episode of the letter, remarking, "That was a generous thing that you did

when you read Bolling's letter to the Finance Committee." L. said, "I had forgotten all about it." He reiterates that he only wants the credit due to him which is that he is responsible for the principles and policies of the Steel Corporation and that those principles and policies won the suit.