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My dear Miss Tarbell.

I do not understand the reason for your telephone message this afternoon. I am doing everything possible to meet your wishes - by Jo- mean yo- & Mr Phillips & Mr McKinley.

In order that you may feel safe I have trusted my stock in the hands of men in whom Mr Phillips & Mr Patterson have full confidence. Mr Mattox & Mr Merrill were elected directors this morning. Mr Bennett - a banker - comes to New York today to help arrange finances. In the new

company Mr Phillips & the
four trustees and the directors
Mr Phillips & Mr Bennett
& Mr Brady are to use
all the resources of the concern
to help meet your wishes.
I have sincerely & honestly
been doing my level best,
with many warring elements
as John will tell you to
meet your wishes.
I supposed that John
realized that I was doing
so & that he told you.
As to your threats. You
may injure this property
but nothing can make me

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do more than I am trying now to do, for I am trying to do my very best.

I have divested myself of all authority & lodged it in the hands of able & honorable people who will see that I do nothing improper. & I am sure that nothing will be done. Mr Phillips as a director & stockholder & as my old friend has just as much power & authority to arrange these matters as he ever had

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& it is Mr Matthews wish as well as mine that he cooperate with us.

Very sincerely yours

J S M Elwin

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