

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

México, November 27, 1935.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

My wife and I, who remember with great pleasure our association with you in other days, are very much interested to see that as you grow in years you grow younger. It gratified us to know that you are writing a History of American Civilization, in which you will emphasize the rise of big business, a subject about which your book on Rockefeller shows that you know more than anyone else.

I wonder if you have read in a recent book the philosophy of Justice Louis Brandeis, who believes that the chief remedy for the ills of economic America is to unhorse big business and return to the days of many and smaller businesses and greater competition. His views are very interesting. Some people say they sound like a return to horse and buggy days, but when I talked with him about it in Washington last year, there seemed to be much wisdom in his presentation of the subject. If big business is to continue to enlarge and to take its ever increasing toll, there will be a conflict between those who believe that the Government ought to assume control of most things that big business now monopolizes, and those thinking the great enterprises must be divided, - not, however, like the Standard Oil and Tobacco trusts were divided when the Supreme Court held they were monopolies in restraint of trade, but in a way that would give young men a better chance for independent action rather than to become the employees of great monopolies.

My wife sends her love.

Faithfully yours,

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