New York, January 18, 1918.

My dear Mr. Bridges:

I have your letter of January 10th. Since there has been no suggestion to the contrary, I will follow my own judgment about the subject on which to speak at Birmingham, Alabama and Rock Hill. As I understand it I am to be in Birmingham on February 4th, and Rock Hill on February 8th, that you have no engagements between and are not likely to have, unless you take them at a reduced rate as we did last year at Meridion, or unless I speak without compensation at the camps.

Suppose we leave it this way: I find that , although I am well, my long illness has left me without much resistance. I want to get through my coming trip without overdoing. I am afraid by the time I get to Birmingham I shall be pretty tired. I would be quite as willing not to fill any date between that and Rock Hill. I would stay in Birmingham and rest, attend to a little business I have there. If, when I got there I felt pretty vigorous, I should prefer to go to the camp; but I am afraid that it will be wiser for me to go to bed in that open time. So we will leave it there.

Of course if you succeed in filling one or more other open dates, I would do my best to keep the engagements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. R. Bridges,
Atlanta, Ga.

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