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Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I want very much to get your point of view on the working of the cotton code, what it has done and what it has not done for the cotton workers ~~new in the South.~~

I would like particularly to know how you have gone on at Naumkeag under the Code. As the finest example in co-operation which I personally have ever found in your industry I should like to use the Naumkeag case as an illustration of what has been done and also what has not been done for the cotton worker under the N R A.

I have not yet written to Mr. Smith asking his point of view but that of course I shall do if I find that Naumkeag offers me a satisfactory illustration of the operations under the Code. You understand, of course, dear Mr. O'Connell that I have no brief for the study I am making for or against the N R A. I simply want to find out its effect on your industry from your point of view believing that a clear statement based on facts is one of the greatest contributions that can be made to improvement.

How about it? Are you willing to give me your point of view? Would you be willing to do this in writing or would you prefer to talk to me? I suppose you come to New York sometimes, do you not? If not where could I most conveniently see you?

Hoping that you will be willing to help me in getting the information I am after, believe me

Very sincerely yours