

United States Steel Corporation.

71 Broadway, New York, March 21, 1925.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

In line with the changes effected during the last twenty years which you observed in the Birmingham district, the following may interest you as coming from another region in the midst of the iron and steel district near Pittsburgh. It is from a Slovak minister, William Regnemer, and we found it published in "Messages from the Presbyterian Field", issued by the General Council Staff, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

TWENTY YEARS IN A STEEL TOWN.

I am the pastor of the Slovak Presbyterian Church at Mingo Junction, Ohio. It is a typical steel town. During the twenty years of my ministry I have seen the gradual transformation of the steel mill from a heartless machine into a human institution.

I have seen wages increased, savings accounts mount up, company "bunk" houses abandoned for private homes, phonographs, radios, and automobiles purchased. I no longer hear our people called "Hunkies". They are a respected element in the community. I have seen my people transformed from aliens into citizens. I have seen the saloons outlawed and the great curse of my people lifted. I have seen the Spirit of Christ come into the hearts of rough steel workers. I have seen the Spirit of Christ possess our young people and send them out into Christian service, educated Americans. I have seen my congregation grow in numbers and in influence. Once a purely missionary work, it is now almost self-supporting. Let us thank God and take courage.

WILLIAM REGNEMER.

To this letter is also attached a memorandum dated March 2, 1925, and a copy of a very important letter from Judge Gary to Mr. Bolling, written in Cologne August 17, 1913. We have Judge Gary's original letter, which might be considered worthy of reproduction in fac-simile.

Very truly yours,



Secretary to Judge Gary.

Enclosures.