

Sept. 8, 1922

Mr. Percy Eastment,  
373 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Eastment:

It was nice of you to write me about the Pittsburgh Gazette Times. That does sound encouraging, doesn't it? And I am glad that the editors to whom you have talked think there is something in the series. One of the pleasures of doing this thing will be the interest which I am sure editors like Mr. Hardy will take in the work, whether they accept the series or not.

Please tell Mr. Hardy that I shall be around Decatur some time late in the fall and that he may be sure that I shall look him up at the start. I shall have to put in several days there, I think. Please tell him that I want to go down the Sangamon in a beat!

I had a charming letter the other day from a woman in Kewanee, Ill., who, with her husband, have recently made a motor trip all over the State, following Lincoln's comings and goings, and taking pictures. I am going to see her when I go out, and possibly we can make some kind of a deal with them for the pictures. I believe her husband, who is a minister, is using them in a popular lecture.

There is just one thing that is worrying me. Would it be bad for the undertaking if we did not begin the first of January, but rather the first of February? I have been having for several weeks a bad time with neuritis which has made it impossible for me to do the work that I wanted to do. My last trip was down into Berke County, and it pretty nearly did me up. I am afraid I have got to take more precautions than I had anticipated. This will mean that I am not going to get the work ahead as fast as I think is wise. I shall be able to tell definitely in four or five weeks, but I am just dropping the idea into your mind, and would like to know what you have to say about it.

Very sincerely yours,