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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mrs. Fitch and I shall be very happy to accept your invitation to dinner whenever it is mutually convenient. I should be very glad to talk with you about the matter of our correspondence of a number of years ago, although I am sure that my feeling on the subject is very different at the present time from what it was then.

At the time that I wrote my "abusive letter" to you, I was not very far away from my intensive study of the steel workers, and I felt very strongly on that subject. It happens also that I wrote it from the battlefield of the Colorado Strike of 1913 - 1914, a situation that was conducive to strong feelings and strong language. I am sure, if I were writing you now, I should express myself very much more mildly. But it will be good to talk of that and related subjects.

It is very good of you to say the nice things that you do about my book. I am wondering if you would be willing to let me quote a part of it to Harper & Brothers. I have a number of letters in which friends have expressed themselves in a very kind manner, and I have been thinking of making some excerpts from them, insofar as the writers are willing that I should do so, and place them at the disposal of the publishers.

I hesitate to ask this of anyone, and I should feel that you were quite justified if you should prefer that your letter should not be used in that way. It is taking a mean advantage to suggest it anyhow, because you were writing quite without that thought in mind.

Yours very sincerely,

JAF/EQ

John A. Fitch

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