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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

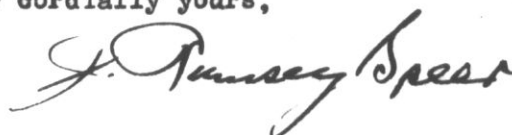
I finished reading your "Life of Judge Gary" and I want to compliment you upon this piece of work. It goes without saying that you are a past master in developing your subject very logically and perhaps it is a very small tribute that I can pay to anyone with such a reputation as yours. However, I have spent my whole life pretty much in the steel business and associated industries and I think I am qualified to appreciate the terseness and conciseness of your description of the Steel Corporation in its development under Judge Gary's wise administration.

When reading the book I could have imagined that some executive familiar with all of the details of steel making, as well as organization could be the author of it. I do not recall an instance where you have not conveyed the thought most conclusively and in language that rings true to those familiar with the trade.

I therefore want to compliment you upon your ability to deal with your subject as one who is entirely familiar with the art. It is a fine piece of work and pays proper tribute to Judge Gary. I told the Judge two or three years ago in his office, in my humble judgment, that he would hold the unique position in the history of Iron and Steel as being the outstanding man who had unflinchingly stood for a better order and for finer and higher methods within the industry. This is the fact and you have reflected only too well how successfully he strove to accomplish his purpose - that of refining the ethics of the men who had already refined the product and processes.

It is a significant thing and a worthy thing, and you have done a splendid work in making the record for all time.

Very cordially yours,



P.S. It has occurred to me on account of your intensive study within the steel industry you may be interested in a chronology of the industry which we prepared several years ago. We found it very difficult to get at the facts, and made the best effort to record what was obtainable after a very thorough search, so that we are proud of the effort, and have received few criticisms of the dates as we have recorded them. I am forwarding you a copy of our "Chronology of Iron and Steel" under separate cover and I trust it may have interest for you.

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