

Advisability to  
give country  
object lesson  
in effect of  
tariff reduction-  
ions.

Speaking for myself, and in this I think I speak also  
the mind of the Government, I <sup>believe</sup> ~~believe~~ it would be a mistake to let  
these calamity howlers get away with their efforts to raise  
false fears in the minds of the electorate of this country with  
respect to the significance of tariff changes with due regard  
to the country's needs and conditions. Our country needs an  
object lesson in the effect of wise tariff adjustments, and this,  
I believe, is the moment to give it. Changes and re-adjustments  
to meet situations not hitherto apparent or which may newly arise  
are necessary at all times, but for the present, at least, we  
should, I think, give the changes in the tariff already effected  
time to work themselves out, and I believe the result will be the  
demonstration beyond all shadow of doubt that they have been wholly  
to the nation's advantage, and speaking broadly, in the interests  
of all classes in this country.

Transportation  
problem in  
need of solu-  
tion.

I say this for a further reason, I believe that the  
tariff is not the only problem of first importance in our country  
at the present time. It would almost seem that the transportation  
problem is, if anything, more in need of solution, than any other  
at the moment. No one can have followed the representations made  
before the Railway Commission and before the Government with respect

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