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Dear Mr. King.

A few weeks ago I completed a deliberate and careful, although necessarily much interrupted, reading of your book "Industry and Humanity." It would be superfluous to say I found the book interesting. The subject matter would have been sufficient to command my interest, regardless of the merits or demerits of its treatment. However, I can say with good conscience that I believe you have written a fundamentally useful book and one which appearing just at the time it did will be a factor in solving the industrial problems growing out of reconstruction. I wish that the book could be brought to the attention of everyone in this country and England who is earnestly looking for light upon these problems.

A particularly valuable characteristic of the work, it seems to me, is the impartiality of your discussion of the relations between labor and capital. On this very account I have a notion that you will not be hailed as "a Daniel come to judgment" by the rabid partisans of either side. It is possible that your experience will be something like mine when I was reporting the Colorado coal miners' strike for the Associated Press and handled the subject so impartially that each side accused me of being favorable to the other.

Another feature of your book which pleased me particularly was the prevailing note of optimism running through it. Your belief in human nature and in the ultimate righteousness of public opinion strikes me as being sound and wholesome.

Perhaps the one thing which more than any other distinguishes your book from the general run of writings on industrial questions is the emphasis you place upon humanity in connection with business. I found this emphasis particularly impressive in the chapter entitled "The Parties to Industry," and in your discussion of fear and faith in the chapter on "Principles Underlying Work."

I, of course, found much of interest in your treatment of industrial representation in the latter part of the book.

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