We have in our employ now some men who on favorable occasions not only support the Representation Plan, but commend some of the Company's practices and friendly co-operation. These men have at times been rebuffed and accused of being Company tools on account, I suppose, of the very suspicious natures of a great many of the foreigners. We find that there are almost always two factions among the Italians, the Austrians and the Greeks where any considerable number of either nationality is employed, and no member of one faction can be effective with the other.

I am mentioning these things to give you an idea of the difficulties our experience has shown may be encountered. I shall hope to be able to write you something more on this subject before long.

The disturbance at Primero, certain features of which prompted your suggestion, was brought about primarily by a small number of Greeks, supported by a few Mexicans. Among the latter I am quite sure that educational work of the kind proposed would fail entirely of any desirable result.

Yours very truly,

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P.S. I am sending this to Ottawa, thinking that it may be too late to reach you at Baltimore.

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