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pounds to finish it, but I have not received a single shilling. Those who want to rob me out of the railroad could not finish it. They cannot bear to see me, and intend to choke me off. It is very clear to all what their present object is. There have been repeated bickerings between the Smiths and me ; but these difficulties have been made up. They have pretended to be my friends and all difficulties have been lost sight of. Had they acknowledged themselves to be, what they undeniably are, my greatest enemies, I could have known how to treat them. I have never asked anybody to do for me a dishonourable action—I have never required anybody to do a dishonourable action in any shape whatever—and I can put the Smiths and all such as they are at defiance.

The making of the railroad went on and I thought that this slop quarrel was made up. I thought that the Smiths had learning enough to know the difference between right and wrong, and I thought they would do right. When all was apparently right again and a general election coming on, John Shuter Smith says, "Fowler, just assist me and you shall see what I can do." I said I would, but found that I had done wrong in doing so, and during election time I went to Peterborough to keep out of the way. He told me afterwards that if I could have come and gone through the country with him, he would have got in, and I could perhaps have got him in, but I asked nobody to vote for him. It would have been the worst thing that ever happened me had he got in. He spoke of what he would have done, and he would certainly have done something for the railroad and for me, but not to the particular advantage of either. I had seen too much of him to trust him. He felt annoyed and did everything to annoy me, because I had not used my influence to send him to Parliament. But, dropping this mode of petty annoyance, he became considerate and even kind. Another election was fully expected, and I was asked to see Mr. Needle, and did see him, but did not speak to him about the election.