

July 31, 1905.

My dear Cox:-

In reply to your letter I think you had better follow up your negotiations with your men, but if you cannot get exactly what you want, let me know. The people here are working but it takes time, and I would not have you lose by it. In other words keep hold of both strings for a while and write me again. I am expecting to hear from them daily. They you here to look over the ground in my company, and I have written to them to find out if they will stand your expenses; no reply has yet come.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

CFB/B.