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Mr. Taylor Spink
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Dear Taylor:

Gene Sullivan, of St. Joseph, Mo., has asked me to get a late photograph to you; Here it is: Having the time of my life here, but Taylor, I'm running up against a few instances wherein promiscuous signing up of young kids might prove to "back-fire" on organized base ball.

Of course, whatever "back-fire" there might be, won't bother the powers that be, but I would rather have the good will of the rank and file of Interscholastic and Collegiate groups than be the target for their shafts of criticism-------- and there is a lot of it going around.

Within the past two days I have had two fine boys come into my office; one with one year of Inter-Collegiate competition and a medical discharge and the other a High School graduate who will be eighteen next December---both coerced into signing base ball contracts-----under contract for a month---then released and now those boys are trying to find a school that will permit them to play the sports they want to take part in: one foot ball and base ball; the other basket ball and base ball and both boys "out in the cold" all because some cock-eyed "scout" was balancing his budget by signing up every boy---good and bad----- whether they had ability or not.

No, I haven't changed my attitude since I have re-entered College circles---Taylor, I have always been opposed to taking High School and College athletes until the boy has completed his permitted years of participation; Then let him sign with organized ball, if he is good enough.

Anyway here's the picture.

Cordially,

E. C. Quigley,
Director of Athletics.