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Mr. Wade Green,
Stewart, Nevada.

Dear Wade:

I was very happy to have your short letter and to know that you are working with a construction gang at Stewart. Wade, the thing that you are doing now, doing heavy work with rather a so-called sub-strata group as far as you are concerned intellectually, will perhaps do you as much good as any experience you have ever had in your life.

I know how you feel after having spent five or six years in college and then being forced to do this sort of work which you feel is a little below you, but I do not want you to feel that way. The reason for your situation is the reason why so many architects, physicians and lawyers are out of jobs. I am told that there are 2700 medical doctors, M. D.'s I mean, on relief in New York City alone. Many others are driving taxicabs, and so forth, but things are going to get very much better. In fact, they are on the way.

The United States, having seen England and France's debacle when faced with Hitler, has resolved that she will not be caught short, and in the next two years the United States will have the greatest year of prosperity she has had so far as putting every able-bodied man to work. And when it comes to engineering - your profession - the engineers will be very necessary individuals in this long shot back to self-protection and a demand to make mad dogs respect legally constituted authority. Munitions of all forms will be manufactured, airplanes, heavy artillery, and so forth, until it will make the preparation for the World War fade into insignificance. This is the reasoning they put forth - why not prepare? We have got to take care of these men on relief so we will spend all this money putting everybody back to work, and when we come to deal with Mr. Hitler - and he will want to be dealing with us if he thinks we are weak - well, then Mr. Hitler won't drive such a swell bargain. Uncle Sam is definitely after that asinine paper-hanger from Austria.

Now, Wade, don't feel the way you do about letting anyone find out that you have been to college. Of course, a certain group like to rub it in, but I would be a good fellow and laugh it off and tell them that you learned a lot of things and one of those things was to appreciate fellows just like those fellows that are rubbing it in - only I would say it in a nice way. Those fellows admire you and are