

March 21, 1944.

Mr. James Milton,
R. F. D.,
Independence, Mo.

Dear Jim:

I received your postcard dated the 15th in which you stated that you had talked to Mrs. Milton and that she had asked some questions which you do not know quite how to answer. You suggest that I had better come and talk to her.

I have never had an opportunity to go into this matter fully with you and I think it would be well for me to make a preliminary statement. You doubtless know that I have kept out of any conversation or controversy in regard to your Dad's activity, or any of the relationships with the folks that might cause some controversy. I was asked by your father to see if I could not get you people together as he desired that the children have his land. He did not want the money to go for legal matters, probations, attorney fees, and so forth, and it was his definite request to me to see if I could not get all factions together.

I made three trips to Kansas City at my own expense and did everything that I could to bring this about. What I did, did not have the enthusiastic endorsement of Bess because she previously had made many attempts to adjudicate matters, but she had utterly failed and she had declared it was utterly hopeless and no individual could bring to pass the desired agreement. Therefore, it was against her judgment that such a thing should be done. So I did it only as an appeal from your father.

After I talked to you and Frances you remember that Milton and I drove out to your home where I met Mrs. Milton and she promised to let me hear from her. I never heard from her. Then when I spoke at Independence, Missouri, at the Kiwanis Club, Bess desired to go with me so she could have a short visit with your father. You happened in and at that time you and I exchanged some ideas and those ideas expressed by me were that you were the only one who could present the matter to Mrs. Milton with her feeling that she was getting an absolutely fair consideration.

I did not expect to say anything to Mrs. Milton that day, nor do I now. When she told me that she would let me hear from her, and did not, I considered the matter closed. If there are any questions that she wants to ask you and you want to write me I will be glad to endeavor to cooperate with you and help you in every possible way, but I have no thought or desire to make any more trips or spend any more of my money endeavoring to