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My dear Scoville:

I had a nice visit a day or two ago with Mrs. Carman and was very sorry to hear that you had been ill. I know how a good strong chap can get knocked off his pins rather quickly because I had a similar experience in November, but fortunately was laid up only about a week.

Knowing in a way the responsibilities you have to bear and the many problems which have to be decided by you and yourself alone, I can realize that no matter what you are paid, you earn the money. I considered my short acquaintance with you as one of the most interesting contacts that I formed on my 46 days' trip. It may be that you will just have to ease up a bit and get some slight youth like John L. Lewis or Jack Dempsey to be an understudy for you. Seriously, I should think it would be highly important both for you and your family and for the interests that you represent to have your burdens somewhat lightened so that you may continue to carry them especially during the anxious times of the present.

Bennie Carman, a son of your cousin, is a mighty fine young man, has a responsible position with the coal company with which he is associated, and is well liked and stands well in Lawrence.

I fervently hope that the good neighbor policy will work out. Good progress has been made in starting it, but I am afraid that the average man north of the Equator has a good deal to learn in regard to the potentially rich nations of South America. I have never forgotten a statement made by a native Porto Rican at a Rotary meeting at San Juan. He said that businessmen of the United States, if they knew a little about some one country in South America, they thought they knew them all, when as a matter of fact, the thirteen states were not only different, but were not even similar, and coupled with it all is a feeling of fear on one side and of misunderstanding on the other. If we of the United States are as