

From the Beltmore

Subbock Wednesday P.M.

Dear Cleo - Since my arrival here have managed to keep warm - today is I think the hottest yet. I am just back from another tax conference. The school tax assessors raised my rendition from fourteen hundred and twenty dollars - but again I talked them out of it - but there is no fun in meeting with them so often - and I want them to cut it out.

I am checking out for a few days - will be back the latter part of the week I guess - maybe Friday. Rented a new location yesterday - right up town - and will move between now and the first - and then it will give me pleasure to thumb my nose at old John Moore. Have a much better location - something more than twice the former rent - but right up town - so maybe I can stand the higher rent. It is a desperate sort of a last stand - there is no justification for it - but rather a relief measure - and is not at all easy to handle. The next three months are going to be a trial - if I can get through until October surely business will pick up enough that I will be able to stop my losses - and that will mean something - though I see little if any chance to make any money next season. It is just simply dreadfully slow - but that's enough of that. The knee - or I might say knee - remain about the same - right one awful lame - left one giving me considerable bother - the wrist is not improving any - but it don't bother me a great deal right now - the back may be some worse - at any rate it don't get any better - so there you are - pretty much of a cripple.

Rogers - my interview with him resulted in exactly nothing of benefit to us - he did not know or remember

something. I did finally get him to acknowledge that he knew the position of the cars - the location and the side of the road they were on - and that if we needed his testimony on these points he would testify. The letter regarding "Mr. Seftus" is the last scratch I've had from my lawyers - and there is no new developments that I know about more than that I am pretty well convinced that someone is keeping pretty close tab on my activities - and probably yours too in my opinion. Two hundred you will probably get a judgement for two thousand - stand pat - and if you ask me, how much I would say not consider a settlement <sup>settlement</sup> for less than 1500 - you have a pretty case. My lawyers agreed with my opinion that there is or can be no defense whatsoever in your case - and that if you have such an abdominal injury as your petition sets forth that there is nothing left for them to do except pay off.

So they are planning to "give me a fit" are they - well your question "how can they" is easy to answer - and there is only 1 way - crooked testimony - from what I have learned about insurance and adjusters that's the only defense they know. I don't want my case settled out of court - if they are entitled to the moneys for which they ask in this case then I want to know it so I can arrange to stay off the highway - and if they win this suit I intend to dispose of all my cars and ride trains or get me an airplane.

the pictures - yes I mentioned them to my lawyers they are interested in going 50-50 with one of them as he suggested to me - and they will no doubt go into the matter with him at the proper time - probably when they see him at Amarillo as they had planned to do. Tell Parsons not to forget that old truck - and if he don't sell it in the next few days we will buy tags for it and get it out of that used car yard next week - or as soon as we can spare the money for them.

This moving and other matters that are coming up soon will require my presence and attention down in this country for some while - it is quite possible that I won't be in Ann Arbor much any more before September or Oct. and don't even have any plans made for coming up any time soon - too many things to do down here - and I have no assurance at all that I will be able to stay down here that long - or to do those things that appear necessary.

Hope your apartment is cooler than my room - and that all is well - and don't forget that I miss my companionship with you a lot -

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