

*Supreme Court of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.*

Dec 8, 1903.

My dear Chief Justice:

My doctors held a consultation last evening and decided to put me to bed in a darkened room for some weeks.

I hardly know what to suggest about the Northern Securities Case, thought to be argued before a full bench. Though I had hoped if the court were equally divided I might be able to give the casting vote. If you conclude to proceed perhaps you had better vouch me in: but if they want an argument before a full bench the case will have to be postponed until after the February recess.