

Elkins Bill

February 12, 1903

J.D. Farrell (in Washington) to Hill
Re the Littlefield and Elkins bills in Congress
Pres. Roosevelt called in Assoc. Press. representative and gave widespread publicity to an "offensive" telegram involving the Pres." [Re corporations and anti-trust matters?] "If anti-trust legislation follows, it can be charged to Standard Oil methods. Senator Simon promised me he would do his best to prevent favorable report by the Com[mittee] and confidently thinks it will be preported. In the event it is like to be, it will be amended." Perkins and Carrol believe "it would be impossible to put the proposed amendment to the Elkins bill through. Sug-

another course to take. W.C. Perkins telephoned to suggest to you a [redacted] bility of asking Shaughnessy ... to request Turner to cooperate I pronounced this suicidal." Harriman and Gov. Odell were with the President most of the morning & again this evening. I saw them at the Capitol this afternoon & Harriman inquired about Littlefield bill but did not display much interest & did not offer to see Sen Clark (Cal.) [Later he adds at 11:30 eve. that House will take up Elkins bill in morning & undertake to rush it through without amendment & thereby destroy the Littlefield bill. Also reported that the Littlefield crowd "have heard of the plan and will undertake to tack the Littlefield bill on the Elkins."

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