

M<sup>C</sup>Cumber, P. J.[Senator] Feb. 12, 1901

P. J. M<sup>C</sup>Cumber to James J. Hill.

"I received word last night from the attorney of Mr. McKenzie, informing me of the result of the contempt proceedings at San Francisco. I am loth to say anything to criticise a Court as a rule, but I have kept track of the proceedings and the records in this matter; and I say to you in all candor that I feel that the sentence of Mr. McKenzie to imprisonment for one year for no other crime on earth but that he delayed turning over property for a few hours until his attorneys could advise him on the subject, is one of the most

atrocious, even fiendish, decisions I ever knew a Court to render I am satisfied beyond all question that the Court there has been the very willing tool, even anxious instrument, to carry out the designs of the Pioneer Mining Company to hold McKenzie in prison while his claims at Nome are rendered absolutely worthless, and the Lane outfit have complete control of matters at Nome."

Goes on to discuss McKenzie's case in the rest of the letter.

General correspondence by date.