A U.S. Steel Co. man is going out to look at your manganese property, in which "I took the matter up simply for the purpose of helping you." I "do not wish to go on investing in mining gambles ... very distasteful to me."

"You speak of \$500,000. I will be glad if you can find someone who will take it at half that

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sum and when I am out of it I assure you it will be the last."

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