



(J. Pierpont Morgan) Seed

Millman

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My Dear Dr. Davidson

I just drop you a line to say that I had another interview with Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan to-day and he repeated his promise to help us as soon as he got the educational projects out of the way he spoke of before - He said he was committed to them to a very large extent & he could not help us right away - I asked him "if it would be agreeable to him for me to see him again in the Spring" He was very affable in his reply but very emphatic "No I shall not be ready for you so soon as the Spring, it will be about a year before I am ready to take up your matter." I told him I had made known to the Trustees the result of my previous interviews in which you said you would try to do something after you got these other educational

matter out of the way." I said I assure you
Mr Morgan there is no disposition to hurry
you & we are very grateful to you for coming
us at all, I should be grateful to you if
I could say when you would help us,
He replied again "In about a year" So
I left him with the understanding that
I was to call upon him again towards the
end of next year. This seems a long
time to wait but I feel very sure of the
case & big men like Morgan will have their
own time. I was in the office nearly two
hours altogether as I got interrupted in the
interview by the coming in of J. J. Hill &
in 45 minutes they had a long & close conversation
about something probably "the Attorney General's
summing up before the ~~Supreme Court~~^{the} Nathan
Securities merger" He views of all that is
just now going on with that & the Ship
Trust I think it speaks volumes for Mr
Morgan's intentions that I got an interview
at all & I am especially gratified that I
got the promise from him that I did
Very truly yours
John A. Gutteridge