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Mr. William C. Reiff,  
Carlsbad, Eddy Co., N.M.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 16th has reached me in Buffalo. I took much pleasure in reading it and was much interested in the dates given in your letter of the different battles and positions which we were in during 1863. I have never seen anyone belonging to the 91st Regiment since I left the army and therefore have not refreshed my mind with any of the incidents you refer to. I have been very busily engaged in business from the time I left the army until a little over a year ago when I was taken very sick in February, 1909 and the doctors say I had a stroke of apoplexy. I lay in a comatose state for three weeks and then two months in an unconscious or delirious state and from that time on I have been gradually recovering. I went to Europe and was gone four months, improved some, returned to my own country again and have been here in Buffalo since the middle of October, 1909. I have not been in Mississippi for about 16 months. My son has taken charge of all my business down there and, with the assistance of the men I had around me, has managed the railroad and all the different businesses in a very prudent and successful manner. I feel that I am gradually regaining my health and hope by fall to recover and be myself again.

The facts are, Mr. Reiff, I worked myself nearly to death. I presume you recall how hard I worked in the army. I kept that up until I broke down 15 or 16 months ago. I do not know that I shall ever be able to take charge of my business again. I am now simply acting as advisor in matters and trying not to think very much over them. I see you have your troubles too and I take it that you have the consumption. The facts are, Mr. Reiff, we are both getting older and struggle as we will we will have to surrender to the inevitable. We did our duty in the army as best we knew how. Well do I remember the dates of June, 1863 and many other dates and the incidents I remember very clearly. I wish we could see each other and talk over the old army experiences. I have never attended a reunion of our Regiment or any of our soldiers and have never been to Gettysburg since the war or to Antietam or any other place of the battles. I have devoted my entire time to business and to my family. I have a son and daughter, grown up, and my wife is still living for which I am very thankful.

I have no use for Roosevelt or any other demagogue like him and I believe he is the greatest newspaper agent that ever occupied the Presidential chair. He brought