

Mayville N. Y.
April 6. 1887.

S. S. McClure Esq.
Tribune Bldg.
New York:

Dear Sir:

I am going South next October and shall occupy three months or more in visiting every state and view-
ing impartially and fearlessly the situa-
tion and writing out my impressions. These will be given without fear or fa-
vor - hitting whom they may and
cutting whom they will. It is now
seven years since I reviewed this
ground. From 1865 until 1880, I was
part and parcel of that life and was
thoroughly familiar with every phase of
its political and economic life east
of the Mississippi.

I shall write upon this subject
20 letters 1,000 to 2,500 words each,
the first to be ready the first week in
January 1888 and to continue one

each week thereafter until completed, so as to be ready for publication about June 1st in book form. These I propose to publish in a syndicate of Republi-
can newspapers. It will be just the time to make a big boom on them before the National Conventions are held. I shall ^{write} ~~publish~~ them under my own name.

If you will pay enough for them you can place them. If not I will do it myself. I am not sure that I cannot do better with it than you. I do not care whether they go into two or ten but I think you can do better by making it speci-
al in one Boston, one New York one Chicago and one Cincinnati paper than in any other way.

Possibly it might be better to select a half-dozen⁷ intermediate character and location like Cleveland leader, &c.

I will not do it short of \$200.
a letter.

If you cannot give this I prefer that you should say nothing to any one about the matter, as I have no doubt I shall be able to place it for that sum at least.

Yours truly

A. W. Tourgeit