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My dear Judge,

Do not think I intend to slight you & your Ms. came when I was away and upon my return I was kept unusually busy by the Gen. Term. What do I think of "89," which I finished the night before last? I like it & you never used better English in my judgment. The ideas are all there and very well expressed. Will it satisfy? Will it be read? I do not know. It has not that dramatic action, if I may use that term, which the Howls Errand has. No other work of yours has, that I am familiar with. There is a reason why this is so, to be found in your life and circumstances, although you may be unconscious of it.

Still the interest in Royal and his family is well sustained. His mother and the Gen. grow upon one too. He became curious to know what became, or is to become, of them. The same is true of the Rock Oil trust news. I do not feel that the daughter is strong; but she is typical. Your ideas of North and South will command attention. Whether they will

Mr will be unable to come to the "fish dinner",  
much as one would like to do so, I wish you and  
Mrs. Taylor could come but to talk over "89", and visit us, Can  
you not do so? With all wishes, your friend. Adalbert Moot

reach the masses I cannot say. Among reading  
and thinking men and women the effects you  
think it should produce, will be produced.  
The work is one of those unusual ones that may  
create a furor; and it may not. My own  
judgment is that the chances are it will be  
a great success. You see I am frank in my opinion.

As to Williams he is acting like a  
fool. I concur with you as to sending  
him \$100-; but it seems that will not answer.  
While I was on the point of sending it  
I received a letter, requiring the payment  
of the whole amount "for all the work done, about  
\$400.+" and saying further, "I shall refuse to go  
on with the work in any event." It was  
full of threats of bringing suit etc. I answered  
it that a counter-claim for damage is owned to  
as well in a suit brought by him as anywhere;  
that when he misuses his former language, and  
asked for payment as an advance, and favor, and  
not as a right, I would litigate.