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I am very glad you are to make our town a visit. Shall expect you to tarry with us. You shall have the best the Bradford hostelry can give. And what is better a warm greeting from the "old boys".

As to your political chances, I do not know what to say. I think and feel that if McKinley is not "poisoned" in some way against you, by some of the politicians, you will receive an appointment. The day I wrote you, I saw in the evening Paper that a Conn. man named Day, got the Bradford place. At the time I talked with McKinley, I was hopeful, but latterly as I see how matters are carried on, my faith in your success, without the leaders helping you, is getting weak. Yet it may come out better than expected. I have not spoken to McK—y since my talks with him in your case. Well my dear friend, hoping for the best, and with best wishes to you and yours. I am

Yours truly A D Bradford

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