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Dear Paul -----

I have neither time nor anything special to say, -- but here's a line anyhow, -- before I resume the downtown-trips day after day, for goodness knows how long, this time, eh ---- I just want to assure you that we both are in excellent condition, and look the part, -- and that we don't dread this at all, -- but rather regard it with just weariness and wishing that it won't drag along as the other trial did. And this probably won't, as there's nothing to drag along; everything that could be trailed in was used up for the last siege, and everyone here considers this attempt a worse joke than the other by far, and cannot see how the prosecution will present even a make-believe case this time. Only the grim ambition to trap your father because of his position toward the labor-men and against their enemy makes "the other side" try, try again, until they can't. Your father has a slight attack of indigestion just now, -- the first for several