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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Marion, Ohio,
October 4, 1915.

Edward E. Smith, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I beg to acknowledge your favor of September 17 and in reply wish to say that I have no printed copies of my political public speeches.

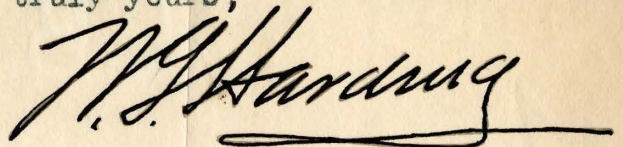
I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of an address delivered before the National Manufacturers Association and also a copy of one delivered before the Railway Business Association, in New York.

I am very glad to note your comforting assurance concerning the political attitude of Minnesota and I quite agree with you that the country is going overwhelmingly Republican in the next national election. There is no doubt about our nominating a straight Republican and I am very confident we shall not only have an united party back of it, but we shall enlist a million votes that were heretofore given to the Democratic party.

When you again meet Colonel Thompson, I wish you would remember me kindly to him.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,



WGH/P