

September 28, 1922

Mr. A.E. Gardner
Vice-President OST
Combstore, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Gardner,-

I think you realize I am trying to avoid any letter-writing propaganda respecting these objectionable conditions. I have confined myself to the gathering of evidence. My orderly processes San Antonio will justify the trust she holds in this OST administration, and we will see that a government stands behind it worthy of your name and allegiance as a director, officer and member.

But I do not want to see any of our friends out there hurt. The West has been circularized to secure, if possible, credit and support to J.W. Francis, in the name of the OST. There are bills and checks of his in Texas and Louisiana that are unpaid. One check is drawn on a bank in which he had no account. We do not understand that any money, if paid to Francis in the name of the OST, will be turned in to the OST treasury. I leave these facts with you. And if, as Vice President there, you can help guard any of the western friends I trust you will do so.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Managing Director.