

Jan. 1, 1919.

Mr. H. H. Morris,

Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Morris:-

Your letter of 31 ult., and enclosure therewith is received and noted.

I have fully considered the same, together with the original copy sent me heretofore, and the more I consider the same the more convinced I am that this is a property controlled by some local and outside interests, in connection with which we have contracts. The only point of variance is that our people have not spent \$200,000 or anything like that on the property, but in all other respects, including the price, it fully meets the description. If it is the same property, I have had the same under consideration with Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago and other interests and thus far have been unable to do anything with it; and do not believe that the proposition can be handled at the present time.

However, it might be well to draw out the other fellow some, and ask him as to the terms and conditions of payments, abstracts, surveys, etc.,

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

JDH.