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Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 1st instant, I am herewith re-
turning the papers attached to your letter, together with so much
of your file No. 84245 as was sent me with your letters of March
20, 1916, and January 22, 1916, in the case of Wayne Stacy v. L&N,
in Breathitt Circuit Court.

I have made a measurably careful examination of the en-
tire report of investigation of this case, so far as submitted to
me, and am satisfied it is a case for settlement. The only question
is one as to amount. It is practically certain that the plaintiff
will get to the jury on a trial and, if he does, I imagine that a
\$1000 is the minimum verdict we may expect, with illimitable pos-
sibilities beyond that. I would approve without hesitation a set-
tlement at \$750, if the psychological moment has arrived for ef-
fecting a settlement. Nevertheless, I ^{think} this figure a trifle high
on the merits. Of the various expressions of opinion to be found
in the file on the subject of settlement, I think Mr. Landrum's
sentence, in his letter of the 16th of March, 1916, to Mr. Warren,
summarizes the impression made on me better than anything else I
have noticed. His language is - "The case is really not on its
merit worth a cent more than \$300.00. However, as a money-saving
proposition, I would pay twice that amount." If it were left to
the plaintiff alone, I have little doubt that we could bring about