To the House Committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads, U.S. Congress

Gentlemen,

In the multiplicity of business before you at all times, little can be expected, unless special attention is called to the importance of that which is of vaster scope, more interest to our whole Country than much of the present quiet of this time.

The Simpson males, setting out causing our whole Country to know where and how they can obtain a renewal of their charters for twenty-five years. During the last session of our legislature, the conduct of this Company in open day-light would have placed them, above a professional light my man, and with all their uniformity, they damn they will be successfull. Why is our Congress silent on this subject?

If you gentlemen could see the homes wasted in our City, say enough of others throughout our Country, you would hesit to forever silence their clamor for redress. An aged couple on three score and ten, with an only son whose ambition is to make their last
days their last day, and while on a
responsible floor concern the idea that
claim will better his condition. In later
of his employer money, states it and how,
time and again and finicky thousand
have been dramatically, it can be told our
longer he is discharged and becomes an
outcast and to keep him from the cell
all is paid up by his parents, and more
that who were comfortable are horses
with a wayward child out on town them.
The labor for years and by
that same enough to buy a home like
him comes and the press in this beloved wife
and say, now we will have a home of
our own, the hope you who know how she
had departed all in the lottery, a
regular home. I could enumerate
many personally known that I wish
and Our press is coming to some
reason for they know not for some
the same enemy may appear on
their own head.

[Chicago Tribune] Washington is the largest branch office of
the lottery in the United States. It is likely there is the most numerous and powerful,
and its attorneys are alert, active men.
Putting this and that together it is not sur­
prising that the public, when it finds that no
report can be had upon anti-lottery bills
which have been in the hands of the commit
tee nearly eight months, jumps to the con­
clusion that corrupt and demoralizing in­
fluences are at work.

It is time that Mr. Bingham, the chairman
of the committee, who declines to have any
meeting or to consider these bills, should rise
and explain his conduct. It is time that the
majority of the committee should compel ac­
count of some kind. It is time that the house
itself should call upon its committee for a re­
port. The public is in earnest about this mat­
ter. It is not satisfied that the government
should remain any longer a special partner
and active agent in this monstrous gambling
institution. It wants legislation, and if Con­
gress adjourns without it it will ask some
hard questions of delinquent members.

AS OTHERS SEE US.
Another Batch of Press Comments on
the Louisiana Lottery.

[Chicago News] It is reported that both houses of Congress
are preparing to take up the anti-lottery bills before that body, with the intention of cancel­
ing a law which shall carry out the arrogant
pact now sheltered by Louisiana. As there
is no possible excuse for their doing so, it would seem as if the report ought to be
well founded. Yet Congress has handled this
important matter for years in a most scu­
dalous fashion. Perhaps it is ready to do its
duty at last.

[New York Times] The interest which is taken by the outside
world in the Louisiana Lottery difficulty does
not seem to have abated with the passage of
the resolution submitting the question to the
people of the State. The claim for which
there seems to be no decent foundation, that
the bill has been passed over the governor's
veto has alarmed the editors, and con­
demnation papers in from every quarter.
With the single exception of a paper in this
city, no journal of any importance in the
country outside the State of Louisiana has
spoken of the lottery scheme in other than
terms of severe condemnation; and the ac­
tion of the legislature has spoken of it
precisely the same terms. There is a hope
expressed that the courts of the State may
show themselves more scrupulously honest
than the Legislature was to preserve the
honors of Louisiana, and may decide that the
governor's veto is a legal one.
Gentlemen: If you could only see the suffering Christian people here and feel it, your first duty would be to bring your forces on some hill that would give you the gun & vantage ground, and hold it to N. Help all, help as the Lord our God did help by closing the lips of our the algarter one out of the hill over the governor. Do and strike with the subject & the turns when open and send the famine coming through your ranks. In the name of Mother, father, wife, children and humanity let us beg and pledge to a successful end that some action be taken this season.

Your humble servant,

William Cage

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