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Miss Laura Gilpin,  
General Delivery,  
Brownsville, Texas.

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Since my letter of December 20th, I have contacted the New Mexico State Tax Commission in Santa Fe in an effort to determine if your mineral rights have been sold to the State for taxes.

The Tax Commission indexes all tax sales by the name of the owner rather than by description. I checked under Mr. J. W. Brown's name and was unable to locate any tax sale certificate dealing with your property.

If Mr. Brown still owns the surface of the land, this check that I made would be reliable and you could be certain that the property had never been sold for taxes. However, if he has sold the land to some other individual, it would be necessary to check under that individual's name to be absolutely sure that the property had not been sold.

You advised that you contacted Mr. Brown in Midland, and I would therefore suggest that if convenient you recontact him and ascertain if he still owns the property, and if not to whom he conveyed it and when. If you will then advise me further, I will recheck the matter in Santa Fe.

Yours very truly,

*Chas C. Spann*