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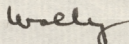
Dear Laura:

Your card and wire both came in. I am terribly sorry you have been laid up with flu.

I knew there would be some questions about the dummy. I am not making any more cuts but I probably will be in Brownsville, Texas myself about the fifteenth of February. I was hoping that you would be East considerably before then. If you will be there then I can take the problems up with you on my way through. If you are coming East before that time then we will have time to go into it, but I will be leaving here about the tenth.

The cuts in the illustrations were largely made because of repetitious types of subjects. They seem to be spotted much more readily by people unfamiliar with the country than by me, but I believe the criticism is just. We had to make some reductions and, of necessity, reductions in the text to tie in with them, to make a book that would stay within the budget. I know this is a bad time for you to go into this, feeling as you must, but I look forward to your letter and the return of the dummy, and any information about your arrival here.

Sincerely,



Walter L. Goodwin, Jr.

Miss Laura Gilpin
c/o General Delivery
Brownsville, Texas

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