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Dear Walter:-

It is my hope that you drove out of the rain that descended on Greenville on the Thursday you left. I tried to find you that morning to get your address, and then suddenly there it was, perhaps you were quite willing to be so or left lost in - and away from reach. As this is all turning out, I do feel that everything is very definitely for the best for the book and I hope that this precipitated a vacation for you that you might not have had otherwise.

I waited in the rain all day Thursday and Friday for a hope of sun, but none was predicted even for days ahead, so I decided I just had to get back here and hunt out all my Brannan negatives and see if there is anything usable. I left Saturday morning and got home Sunday evening, a long hard drive.

I have done some work up the map, but I see as of to-day that I can never make it to have all material back in New York by March 15th. There is more to do than it looked of course, and in checking over the prints carefully, I find, as you know, a number made on that first un-slip paper just after the war which will have to be replaced now, and I also have found a number which have suffered from rubbing which will also have to be replaced. If I had a dark room in order, it would not be so bad, but you know my situation. As it is I have found an unfurnished house, available next Tuesday. This means my trip to Colo. Springs will be two fold. To get my negatives and make prints, and also to call my belongings out of storage and shipped down here. I shall do my very best. I can say if it will help any, I can send it back in detachments which you may or may not want.

Now for the book once more, can you tell me from Mexico what it would cost to increase the page size from 7x10 to 8x11? This added inch could so greatly improve the looks that I hope we can work it out. If I furnish the four maps, and perhaps repay at least a good part of the advance you made me, could it be done? The only additional cost is paper itself, and I hope that even the saving of the map cost may do it. I have some very loyal backers on this book who stand ready to help to make it the best we can do.

As I told you I accept the change in title. I only wish you had expressed your dislike long ago for I could have been trying to think up another. Do you object to a sub title, which will simply make it different from the other books. Here are two suggestions.

RIO GRANDE

THE BREAD-WINNING RIVER

THE RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE (its real name)

The more I think over the book, the more convinced I am that the timing of publication is of the utmost importance. Early June might be alright but as you told me it could be into June, and in all probability there may very well be delays added to that so I am all for holding it until late September or early October. I know that Santa Fe will object but I can't help it. It had better not be released at all until October and then all at once, don't you think? We can proceed with manufacture as quickly as possible but not rush it at that.

It seems to me that everything is working out for the very best, and I have always known that if we could get together on working out details it would all go smoothly. And I know too, that I could never have had uninterrupted time with you in New York.

By the time you arrive in Santa Fe, I hope to be all settled and I shall have all my exhibition prints here for you to see and from which you may select any you wish to take or send on to New York. As I am to have a small show of Equestrian at the Town Hall Club in May, I am planning to come on then which should just about coincide with proofs etc. on RIO GRANDE.

I hope that Miss Gair gave no further trouble and that you have had a restful, interesting and exciting trip to many places in Mexico. This brings my very best wishes to you and Mary, & hasta la vista

Most sincerely