

Naturally I expected that you proposed to spend a few thousand dollars - otherwise why all the studies and plans? What did you expect to spend?

You say I had no regard for money - which is far from true but one cannot keep his mind on his work if he has it continually on the time-clock.

Look back over your files for letters if you need to confirm what I say - quoting Jan. 22.

"Also, I wonder if you have remembered to tell the Graffs that this is something you and I are doing at considerable expense in order to develop a cultural short that might be of great value to them personally, in that it will offer, first, a possibility of its being purchased by the Hollywood interest and second, an opportunity to have their work appear on the screen for the first time in sound and motion".
Doesn't that sound as if

you had planned to
use 32 mil film?

scene in "Gone with the Wind"
the girl has to fall down
stairs. They practiced
that fall for days - had
their whole staff work on it
and shot it over fifteen
times. This is only one
I could not begin to
quote. Everything that
is worth while is the
result of painstaking
effort - it isn't thrown
together in a frenzy in
a few days.

Of course the picture is not
right! It is not finished. It
is a dance without putting it
together, without music and
without finish. I know that before
you told me. I did not expect
to grind it out of the camera -
I know it takes infinite pains
before a thing is just right.

If I were a cross between
Toscanini - Pavlova - Robert
Edmund Jones + D. W. Griffith
it would be the same. They all
have their long and careful
rehearsals before they are ready
to present it as finished. In
the films it is even more so -
I am told that on a set

Also for Jan 9th Letter To Mr. Don.

"In other words, there's nothing to lose" (for me, I presume)" I personally am taking the complete experimental gamble and I'm sure in the meantime Mrs D. would really enjoy trying her hand at the experiment.

Of course she could live at my house, where she would have all conveniences and I'd see to it that she definitely did not over-work or spend too long a period at one time in the "studio".