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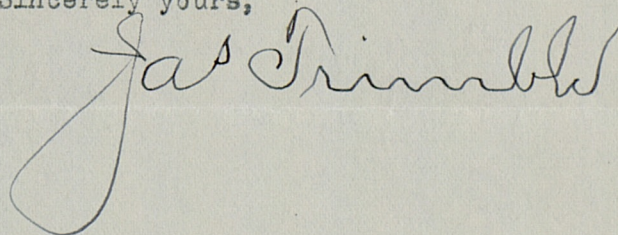
My dear Friend:

There is a chance and I think a very good one of getting a purchaser for about 20,000 acres of coal land if it can be had at a fair price.

I will want of course to make something out of it if I can interest the right people, and will have to divide equally with one man here. These people are in no way connected with any banking interest, so far as I know, and I will not in any way ever have to pass upon any question of credit in which they are concerned, so that I cannot see any reason why I should not bring you and them together. They are New York men and I am informed have the cash.

Please write a full description of what you have that would suit on an unaddressed sheet, and then in letter addressed to me state your lowest price per acre and what commission you will allow me in case sale is effected at any price you may finally agree to accept. State price in unaddressed description, if you prefer, as I do not expect anything but my part of commission. This will enable me to state with certainty to the party here with whom I will make an equal division what he will get if sale is made.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas. Trimble". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Jas. Trimble".

To Hon. W. S. Harkins,
Prestonsburg, Ky.