erence to telegram sent you, I am afraid you got off on the wrong foot. There was no earthly intention of questioning your competency or good judgment in the matter. Mr. McDowell simply wanted to be sure that the Company would not be put to any heavy expense without reasonable assurance that a trial in the lower court would end the matter. Instead of questioning your discretion, by the very telegram I sent you, the matter was submitted to your discretion, for I distinctly stated that we would be governed as to summoning witnesses by what you might say in response. I am sure there is no disposition on the part of either of us to deprive you of any reasonable discretion in matters of this sort, but, at the same time, it is plain that we would fail in the discharge of our own duties if we did not retain and exercise a like discretion. My employment, in fact, imposes upon me a supervisory control over all such business. While we do not disapprove your action in the matter, we must ask that you accord to us the same treatment and

Very truly yours,

withhold your disapproval of our course in the matter. Such conduct on the part of Mr. McDowell and myself could by no fair

construction be regarded as any reflection upon you.

SMW/a

Counsel.