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Replying I am really at a loss to understand why you should feel called upon to write me [illegible] about so simple a matter ~~+ [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible] the occasion for the [illegible]~~ a ~~[illegible]~~ long-winded lecture on courtesy, etc, etc.

The facts are simply these — One of the conditions for the postponement of trial was that we would consent to the taking of Cornett's dep. in short time + without formal notice. The deposition was taken accordingly. I attended + cross-examined. Having reason to believe that the witness, in certain vital points was not telling the truth (as I already [illegible]) I stated at the beginning that I wanted the deposition read + signed by the witness when written up. This instruction to the Notary was announced openly in the presence of the witness + of pl'ff's attorney. No objection was made to it. No favor, no "courtesy" was asked by the other side. If Mr. [illegible] desires ~~[illegible]~~ a favor or "courtesy" that the signature be waived, that is another matter and will be disposed of, [illegible]