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Feb. 19. 1905.

Dear Muir:

I am sending
the inclosure to leading
Senators.

I spoke on the subject
before the National California Society
of N.Y. at the Waldorf two or three
days ago & they voted a unanimous
resolution against the Garfield grant.
Before this was done Mr. Grunsky rose and
said a certain engineer had told him
it was not necessary to keep off the
public from the watershed. I didn't know
who the lady was, but I had pre-
viously spoke of Mr. Grunsky as a distinguished
engineer. I replied that I supposed he
referred to Mr. Grunsky but on such a
subject I thought it was the Sanitary
& not the Civil engineer who carried weight.
The Society is going to stir up other State
associations to help.

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John Sharp Williams is
against the Grant as Legislation
by an executive department.

Now I feel sure we
shall beat them this session.
But the Phelan Committee will
probably stay over indefinitely. But
it isn't enough for us to defeat the
Joint resolution. We must gain
the advantage of position by moving
for the retraction of the grant by
Congress, or by moving for the ap-
pointment of a Commission. Whichever
of the heading on the 10" proposed one
of three persons to be appointed by the
President — non-Californians, the
State to pay expenses. I think
this would be better.

Perhaps we can get Taft to
revoke the Grant. Ballinger it
is announced is to be Secy of the In-
terior. We try to reach him with
our documents.

I get clippings of comments on me
in the Call & Chronicle but not from you.
Keep me closely informed. Sincerely yours
R. U. Johnson

Dear Muir:

I am keeping up the
fight, and have just written re-
plies to Phelan's letter in last
week's Outlook & to the inclosed.
Don't fear that I shall not
take every opportunity to get a
hearing.

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