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My dear Convalescent:

As usual, the hardest job was picked out for you last night. More than that, I must confess that I was a party to the iniquitous game, because I just know that if God Almighty ever lays down on his job, he will have to put you in to run the world. We have received urgent telegrams from Chicago that someone come to help organize the Second Conference which will be held there on July first. Mr. Hillquit immediately moved that we accede to the request. Then we began to look around at each other, and while in the aggregate we looked rather impressive, I submit that no one of us felt that he could really truly represent the New York Committee in Chicago and get away with it. Suddenly, Mr. Hillquit's face lighted up and he said, "There is no better organizer in the world than Elisabeth Freeman. Why not send her?" Whereupon there was such thunderous applause that the Fire Department turned out, thinking that something violent had heppened here. For the next ten minutes all ordinary business was forgotten, and a series of eulogies on your good self was delivered, which would put any speeches in the Congressional Record to shame. The high honor was conferred upon me of writing you today and telling you that we are all prostrate at your feet imploring you to take the train to Chicago instead of Washington, and get the Conference of Chicago on the map. What will happen to our legislative work in the meantime, I hate to think about. Dr. Jordan left for the Coast yesterday, after sending me the most delicious little pack of letters that I have received in a long time. I will show all of them to you when you get back here.

I am glad that I am not up at Nyack when this letter reaches you. I have never seen you in a temper, and I shut my eyes when I think