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Dear Jim Reynolds:

Many thanks for your letter.

I am somewhat in a fog at the moment. I have just proofread Korn's column, and it always makes me dizzy. I wonder how the readers can wade through it when I seem to have so much trouble.

Anyway, I am pleased that you are able to promote the appearance. In general, I draw a pretty good crowd, so I trust there won't be any deficit. As a matter of fact, in L.A. I was told they hope to get a large crowd, and I told them that I could handle up to a hundred (within a reasonable time). I could even do more than that, but I am not trying to establish any records.

No, don't send any money in advance. I don't know where you got the idea that this was necessary. Aren't most humans trustworthy?

I will give you a date, bearing in mind what you say about the best date, at the earliest opportunity. I will allow at least six weeks time for promotion and preparation, which ought to be ample. One reason I can't give any date now is that I am awaiting a response from Mexico. Colonel Araiza of Mexico advised me that I could promote quite a tour in Central America and Mexico. But, so far, nothing much has happened. If I do not get sufficient returns from there, I won't go there. At the moment, I am awaiting a reply to my last letter to him.

If I go to Mexico and C.A., then my tour to the west coast will be delayed about two weeks. If I don't go, I'll be on the west coast sooner.

Tomorrow, I'll airmail letters to all the addresses you included. I do not wish to impose upon you to any great extent. If it were possible for you to ascertain whether any of these people were interested, I'd appreciate the information.

In planning a tour such as I am now going on, I could save a lot of time if I had definite responses, not necessarily in the affirmative. If a club is not interested and says so, I need make no allowance for a possible appearance.

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In other words, from the time I write to the time I get a response, so much time will have elapsed normally, I may not allow ample time to cover an engagement, if it comes late. Hence, if, in addition to my letter, you could get fast word to me, I'll know exactly how I stand.

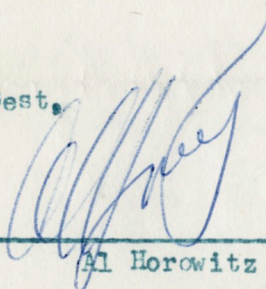
So far, Mechanics has not come through. My good friend Charlie Bagby, who, I understand, is in charge of the purse, refuses for the club to make any guarantee. As a matter of business, I can't insist on a guarantee in one place and not in another. Moreover, the expenses of travelling, etc. are so high these days, the fee is not unreasonable. Twelve years ago, I got \$60 for an appearance. So I don't think the difference is exorbitant for the times.

So you work for the SP. A good railroad. I have ridden the trains often. The last time my wife and I came up to Modesto (I think), there was quite an accident on their line. Fortunately, my wife and I were in the back (or near the back) car, and we managed to do pretty well. I nearly did miss my appearance for the night. But I managed to change to a bus, and all was hunky dory.

I appreciate your offer to be of service. I shall try to impose upon you as little as possible. And I shall go out of my way to keep the "customers" happy.

You will hear further from me.

Best,



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Al Horowitz

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