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SPRINGFIELD, MASS. September 29, 1916.

Mr. Alexander MacKendrick, Secretary,  
Massachusetts Single Tax League,  
120 Boylston Street - Room 529,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. MacKendrick:

I sent you a telegram today, stating that I could not attend the meeting of the executive committee, as much as I would like to have the pleasure of doing so. Mr. Smith, however, can act as an able substitute because he is familiar with the details and knows everything in my mind with respect to the advantages of the various dates and in addition has a knowledge I do not possess regarding local single taxes. Whatever he advises you may be assured will be satisfactory to me. I suggested to him some time ago that inasmuch as the Western New England Chamber of Commerce banquet is to be devoted entirely to their own affairs, the best thing for the Single Tax League to do is to hold an afternoon meeting to which a few ardent workers in Springfield and vicinity would be invited to talk over the formation of a branch in Springfield and an evening meeting that would be open to the public and at which one of your esteemed speakers could present the arguments for single tax. I suggest that this meeting be held Monday, Tuesday or Thursday with preference on one of the first two days because of the fact that on Thursday evening there is to be a public meeting of the National Municipal League, which will detract from your attendance. You may be assured that we will be glad to prepare the publicity in connection with the date you may decide upon as we will do for all the other organizations. The size of the audience will depend solely upon the energy which local people put into the plans and the amount of effort exercised by the Massachusetts Single Tax League to get representatives to the convention. You may be assured that we will assist in every way possible to make your meeting successful.

It is necessary that I have your final program with complete arrangements in my hands October 14th or sooner than that if possible, also the officers of the League and a short description of its character, objects and purposes and conditions of membership.

Sincerely yours,

*C. O. Dustin*  
Manager.

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- said we are "off" the idea of participating in series of meetings -  
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