

Minneapolis, Minnesota,
February 23rd, 1915.

Dear George:- Well George, as I have just said to Bill, it is a great work only in case it is built. Louis did so many of those things that were epoch making, but the epoch never got started because the building was not built; but this one will be built, I am sure.

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Cannot we have some stunning bronze letter inscription on those old faces up above the court room windows, just big enough to be seen and not big enough to change values? I think your occasional brick is a great, great idea. My, if we could only have enough of them so as not to duplicate. Wonder if you got the school children interested and got each grade to model a brick from competitive designs by the children, no matter how bad, or, I should say how good, for they would be fine, even the little first graders' brick, all modeled out in clay. Send the clay to Gates and let them turn it into terra cotta. Then the community would begin to take an interest in their building. "My son modeled that brick", etc., etc. Or, "Yes, sir, I did that when I was a little boy eleven years old, thirty years ago. Not bad, eh?" If you like the idea send this letter to Bill and see if he can get some real democratic art started in Sioux City. The drawing teachers in the Public Schools would be very much interested in such a thing.

I have asked Bill to send me some blueprints. Do I understand that you have ~~given up~~ the idea of having Sater make a rendering? We ought to have something fine of a thing like this. Please comment.

Well, all in all I think there are some great possibilities in the Court House. The only possible query, and that may be answered by the main facade itself, is whether or not the scheme is a bit restless. The piers and reeds in the design seem to be slightly disengaged, but that might toally disappear in the final working out. There is time for restudy there when we see the blue prints.

Bill ought to be well pleased with us, and we ought too for that matter. That is making money and giving value too for us, and the four and three dollar arrangement is, of course, all right and fine.

Yours,
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