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Carl, the enclosed will let you know that I'm fighting in my own way. The utter lowness of the methods being used stay my tongue during the hour I'm in session. I wait and digest the whole. Then I choose which injustice to oppose full force, and try to simply ignore all the others. I believe I'm outgrowing the emotional resentment which was revealed in the ~~little~~ letter I wrote Wagner when McBrayer disallowed my travel which kept his mishmash out of Tulsa newspapers for all of Indianina to read.

Jack C. Robertson is as pitiful as McBrayer — and as forceful — both "bulls in a china closet", as our grandmothers would have said. Robertson's missionary (Africa) father died when Jack was five. His Public Health Nurse mother reared him. I doubt if he knows how her regard for M.D.'s and getting him off to a good medical school "strapped" him. Indian Health is his missionary-minded emotional outlet. PHS gives him a way to avoid the practice of medicine. He is not humble enough yet to learn administration. Who knows how he'll end? There

are some of his more ambitious subordinates who are betting against him and Rabreau - but these people also find themselves laying their own traps, too.

at S. O. ^{San Francisco} conference two simple things come thru. The boys running the hospitals are given the responsibility, but not the authority. They are told "No" with no "Because." Where does this leave the Indians? Just where you've seen Jimmie Belvin - "fit to be tied."

In the old books I read, the BIA Supt. always made a policeman out of his worst trouble maker, and with that badge he'd settle down for a while. So DPH makes Belvin a counselor to the Surgeon General! He just may give DPH a surprise, for he has little to lose these days, and some cattle to depend upon.

But you are ^{in a} busy, and far too much to read. The Methodist minister is worth your best efforts to get acquainted. I mean it. He's new, from Cloris, N. M., I understand. Spend some time with him even if you have to bring him to you in Washington. (There I go again!)

Always - my best Love