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Dear Friend Lathrop:

Your good letter of 16th & 19th rec'd. We
 read the article by that in "Waterbury" with interest
 & glad to see him getting so busy. I note what
 you say about bringing suit & if you become
 convinced that is the only way I am ready
to join with you in any plan you think best.
 Of course we must avoid any letter or orders to
 Peter that would lay us liable to a charge from
 him for attorney fees. If necessary we must of
 course have to pay him for services, but we must
 to know amount, & have no open orders for a lawyer
 can charge what he pleases on a negligly poor
 excuse for doing so. Personally I am a sort of
 "Peace at any Price Bryan", & believe there never
 was a case in court that could not be settled
 better out of court. I can't see how Mr Newton
 can refuse to arbitrate the matter, & get together
 with the rest of us for harmony among our little
 Colony. Perhaps he & the others on the "Other Side"
 would prefer the low stage of water with no dam



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Chicago,

Have you thought of that feature? Now would it
 do for you to write to Newton as Secy of our
 assn. & feel him out. Rather than defend a
 lot of claims would he not be inclined to
 join with us & put in a concrete dam just
 as we all want it. Mr. ~~voted~~ ^{has} ~~200~~ ^{has} 100 in
 treasury for the purpose & if he knew we might
 contribute the 100, towards the new dam, he
 ought to agree to put it in with us. Better
 to spend our money for a dam, rather than
 for law suits & thereby preserve harmony
 around the lake. He owns the dam site & if
 we force him to put it in he may cause us
 trouble for years to come. Therefore my advice is
 to try every possible means for a friendly adjustment
 before starting anything & then if he is obstinate
 fight him to a finish. Would like to hear how the
Runge family feel about it. Do you know the
 limits of this lot 41 containing the dam & would it be
 possible for us to put in a dam above this lot

