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## Robert Taft to Attorney General Langer on milling rules, 1917

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Honorable William Langer  
Attorney General of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have your two letters of November 19, and I am very glad to hear that the situation in regard to stock is improved. I have no particular suggestions to make in regard to the proposed hearing, except to suggest that you have the evidence of some practical country elevator men. I do not think that Dr. Brand and his assistants have paid enough attention to the difficulties from a practical point of view of handling the grades at a country elevator. In regard to the question as to rye and barley I am not familiar with the milling facts, but Dr. Brand seemed to be of the opinion that the presence of rye and barley in small quantities did actually decrease materially the milling value of the wheat. If you want to have these Rules changed I think you will have to have some pretty good expert's or miller's testimony on the question whether it can be properly cleaned.

In short, I feel that the things that will

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influence Dr. Brand and his assistants most is  
testimony, and that they are inclined to regard  
the wide-spread criticisms as talk without facts  
back of it. I feel sure, however, that they are  
absolutely fair and honest in their opinions.

Yours very truly,

*Robert A. Taft*