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Dear Florence.

I have your letter of Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> there in note  
you have been ill, which I regret to hear.

Also that you have received a rather  
ridiculous offer for the Silver Bell 9p.

Re. Jannitā m/c.

In the first place let me say that I have  
never been there, and all that I know  
about it is what I have been told by men  
who may have seen it and possibly worked  
there long ago. Bob Winfield, and  
Manuel Dainard, they are both gone now.  
They were old miners when I knew them  
and they were well acquainted on the

Spillimachine in the latter 90's and early  
1900's.

As it was described to me the showing  
was on Copper Ck. about 7 miles up on  
and on the South side of said ck.

When working at the time they saw it was  
a drift on the ore, rather short, 10 or 12 feet  
and a full face of ore at the face, also  
that the tunnel was lagged, the lagging  
would indicate that the vein is in very  
heavy ground, also the certainty that today  
it would be totally caved in.

It must have been a very impressive showing;  
for Winfield mentioned it many times to  
me in later years.

The ore was galena zinc & iron, and at  
that day the milling and transportation  
made it useless.

In my time on the Spillmachine (1939),  
there was no roads into that country  
That summer I cleared out carved ground  
at the Burns also at the Ellen W. and  
Buckskin, (gold.) and there was no interest  
in base metal, so I did not get to the Guanitã  
Though there must be good roads up there  
now The Great West Lumber & Pulp Co.  
has been and are still logging the  
Spillmachine and Inbutary's

You mention that the property adjoining  
is being worked so there must be a road  
up Copper, etc.

As to the cost of cleaning out and re-planting  
the old workings. From here I would not  
even guess, without seeing it.

You mention Gordon Sarabee doing  
the work under my supervision, this  
would be fine if I could be there all  
the time, and I am not sure that I  
can be

While Gordon seems interested in some  
of the phases of mining, still he is not  
a miner nor has he ever worked in  
or around a mine.

And this from what I suspect is going  
to be a classical job of patching up caved  
ground & retimbering it.

Sincerely  
J. E. Barlow