

October 30, 1929

Mr. Howard Miller,
Piqua, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

It has been brought to my attention by Mr. Mourner of the Refiners Oil Company that a man who is or has been an employee of yours has brought suit against you on account of injuries sustained in connection with handling Ethyl Gasoline or the handling of cars which have been using Ethyl Gasoline as fuel. I am very much interested in this matter for the following reasons. First of all I and my associates have been investigating the public health aspects of Ethyl Gasoline distribution over a period of a number of years in an attempt to determine whether or not there is any possibility of danger to workers or public through the use of this gasoline. In co-operation with the United States Public Health Service we have examined from time to time large numbers of filling station handlers, garage workers, etc. Up to the present over a period of now six years, we have been unable to find a single instance of poisoning traceable to the handling of Ethyl Gasoline. It is therefore a matter of considerable interest to know whether the case affecting you is a bonafide injury or whether there has been some injury of another type which has been confused with lead poisoning. I would be very glad if you would write to me giving me such information as there is available as to the claims of the man and as to what you may know about his actual illness, when it occurred, and what possible exposure he may have had. I would like also to know whether he has had medical attendance, and where, in order that I may get in touch with his physicians if possible and determine what has been done. Our previous experience with matters of this kind leads us to doubt the existence of lead poisoning; however, I should like to be in position to consider the whole case on its merits and if at all possible to make an examination of the claimant. Any information and assistance you can give me will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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