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Dear Friend Dick!

I was again disappointed this mail in not getting any letter from you, so is Olds. The boys went down several days, but no mail came. I suppose you had not much to Write, still I would have liked to have known what has been relocated in the Basin after New Years. Please let me know to if possible secure Pilz 2nd and the "Arthur" (running from Ice Gulch up Gopher Gulch to about 250 ft. over top of mountain). Also the "Nevada" between Arthur to North Star 1st running from Ice Gulch westerly. Also the "Elka" westerly from Ice Gulch from the "Harris" or Sitka claim. Also the "Yellow Jacket" in Steep Gulch above upper Bulger Ditch about 200 feet, and is the easterly extension of Pilz 1st, and a very good claim, 3 big ledges about 5 feet each showing in the Gulch very rich ore. (This & Arthur & Pilz 2nd are my favorites & don't miss them) I know you can find some fine day when going hunting you can go up & make those relocations, do so either in yours, Mrs. Pilz or Olds name & either you or Olds will do the right thing by us I know. Dick they are claims worth saving. I would like to save Red and Blue Jacket & Evanhoe and Lord of the Hill but I suppose Sagemiller has nailed them.

John Olds was here today, but did not know yet whether he was going up or not on this boat, as he has not finished his business yet. I would very much like to see him stay until my trial, which is now & finally set for the 15th of this month. 4 times this last month it was set & each time put back by the prosecution, until my lawyer Judge Louderback kicked & I will be tried & convicted sure next 15th. The prosecution claims they will convict me on general principle if they can't prove the forgery on me. W.T.Colemann, Wm. Pierson, Reynolds and Radovich have volunteered to testify against me, so as to influence the jury; & if Johnny leaves I won't have no one to say a good word in my behalf & those letters from you boys won't be acknowledged in court, unless their genuiness proven. My lawyer told me Monday that the only way to beat them was to get the paper & then they would have to dismiss the case, he told me if I would get someone with the money, he would go with him & get the paper, but Johnny has not the money & I can't get any one to advance it to me. I have asked several to advance it & I would work it out, but they humed over it & there is no other way out of it. Although innocent of the forgery, if I could beat the dam hounds by paying the 322.00 & keep from going to Quentin, I would only be too glad to do so. But who will help me now. Johnny said if you know it you surely would do it, but it would be so late, but if he does not go up he is going to write you also & ask you, he has offered to raise the money by giving his own properties as security, but he is not known & can't raise it. I hope he don't go you will help him to get me out, & we will beat the dam hounds Fuller & Carrol & all yet. Why did you not send me an affidavit as you want it, or instruct someone to get it here from me, you know I can't make one in this place unless properly prepared. I hope you won't feel too safe against that dam Fuller, as he will surely beat you if false swearing & lying will do it. Hall will send you an affidavit to sign, peruse it well first & see that I am correct in all the points as I only want the truth & plain facts. I can get Hilton's affidavit, he is bursted in Victoria.