

detaimed passengers.

As then said I must do whatever Lederhilder ordered me to do.

What I would like to know is: did I do the proper thing in attending to the discharge of detained immigrants, or should I have made the report & left them to struggle in an overcrowded pen with-
out an effort on my part to relieve them. Humanity, as well as a sense of duty impelled me to act as I did, & no other inspector has been asked to make up the report on his "long Sunday" before this.

Yesterday I was placed

Confidential

#19 East 89th St.

New York June 17th - 1901

Mr. J. V. Powderly,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Powderly,

Since I last had the pleasure of seeing you, I have often wanted to communicate with you as to how things were going on at the Island, but ~~it~~ refrained from intruding on your valuable time, as I know the news was furnished through other sources.

Something occurred today, however, that I wish to tell you & trust you will favor me

(confidentially, of course) with your private judgment of the affair.

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at the registering desk
when you other inspector
was detailed to do so.

I just mention this last
fact to demonstrate the
tactics that are being
employed ~~to~~ by McS & Led-
erhulger to subject me &
others to indignities & hum-
iliation.

It was rumored about
today (how true I cannot say)
that Marks, Bock & Hank
were to be recommended
for promotion to inspectors.

Trusting that you are
in good health, & with
regards to Mrs Larned & Camp.

well, I am with best regards to
yourself,

Yours sincerely

Sam. A. Epplen