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Dear Stenzel:

I do not find that work for an oil co is such great fun. We do a lot of hard work every day and there seems to be no end. But I learn something about Geology every day. For one thing a microscope is a mean thing to work with and I almost broke my back the first few days stooping over to look thru the thing. now we have the proper sort of table and it isnt so bad. The sediments here are mostly either chemical deposits of lime, anhydrite, Dolomite, salt or gypsum, or are mechanical deposits of red and green shale and quartz sand. Most of the wells run down into a formation that is known as 'The Big Lime' and it is a chemically deposited anhydrite partly replaced by dolomite. We have been making thin sections and the replacement shows up real well. I have seen very little surface geology, but Mr Cartwright, my partner here in the Sedimentation lab, and I have made on trip down the Colorado River for about five miles and plan to go up the river next Sunday. The rocks on the river are Triassic or at least that is what they are called.

I have been spending my evenings sorting fossils and am almost thru, with those that I brot with me. I wonder if I could get you to send me some of the richer material from the Little Brazos. I will pay you twenty five dollars for a coupe of hundred lbs of unwashed material, if you will send it to me by express or freight collect. Maybe I wouldnt need that much if there were lots of fossils in it. I was thinking mainly of that greensand layer under the far end of the bridge. But I would appreciate some of the material one could scrape off the tops of the ledges there at Stone City.

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The town of Colorado, wher I am now, is about a third the size of Bryan but it is a whole lot cleaner and has some good stores. Having sold my ford I have to sor5 of wait for rides but since the Co furnishes as many cars as they do there as almost always some one who has time and room to take me along. They have no place to go here just like at College Station. I find that the only thing that wil keep me contented is to be at work most of the time. I can only work so many hours a day at the micrscope without going blind so I have to do some thing else. I have not fixed on anything perminant in that lime yet.

It is time to go eat. I hope to haar from you soon.

Yours

*John E Adams.*

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