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Letter about a mine near Del Norte, Colorado

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Judge Elliott - Del Norte - Colo

Dear Judge:

The boys are leaving in the morn, they came in this night, Monday, a week ago I went up next day on hill with them & secured the necessary tools for them & measured off the ground &c - marked the place for them to trench & sink & luckily they found the much sought for vein - will let them describe their own work, I found them much "green" at that kind of work, went up to day again, as they told me they "wanted to pull out in the morn" ^{took} ~~made~~ 4 samples which I am sending out by them, all labeled, so that you can get an intelligent idea of the vein matter, I find the vein takes its original or true course from the two small shafts they sank - which is as nearly as I can get at it; as N. ~~W.~~ about 10° West - it is remarkably wide at surface as far as I could see, 18 feet - possibly much more when walls are found, the dip of vein is the true one of that belt - to the N-East; waited for them to get lowest depth before I should test (pan-test) & learned from them to night that they would leave very early in the morn, so find I cannot do so, as I am drying the samples in my cook-store all evening, I'm as nearly positive as one can be that you have the sought for vein, as I lined it further East, & saw that Bowen about 15 or 16 yrs ago had trenched above & below the line East & failed to catch it, the character of vein matter, the dip, & the course, also its panning gold quite strong, almost assured one it is the desired one, as near as I can see, I believe the "break"

in the vein west is, about on line of your claim + that of Pickens + E -

With kind regards, I remain yours sincerely

Joe F. Colman

P.S. - we are having glorious weather at present + for past 4 weeks in
this "neck of the woods"