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### Emery's Dilemma

Throughout this summer, Professor Meardon and I were able to leverage our existing knowledge of Henry C. Emery and The Tariff Board to attempt to diagnose the use of a scientific tariff to combat the 'bigness' of large corporations in the early 20th century. This work required the completion of a rough draft, to which we met with Professor Meardon's colleagues over zoom for the HOPE workshop and both discussed and criticized each other's work for the publication of the special edition. In this meeting, we wanted to also bridge each other's ideas and areas of study in hopes of promoting the overarching theme of the special edition, which is "The Republican Developmental State". Following this workshop, the Professor and I dug deeper into existing literature and the historical archives to further understand Emery's correspondence with his associates and give ourselves much more context to the establishment of the Tariff Board and its purpose. Reading books such as *The Tariff in our Times* by Ida Tarbell and *One Man's Crusade for an Honest Tariff* by Issac Stone sharpened my understanding of protection in this time period, and I used this knowledge to assist Professor Meardon in his ongoing research. As we continued to work toward a final draft, we were invited to attend the History of Economics Society annual conference in Santiago, Chile to both facilitate discussions of our own research and hear from other professionals' work in the field. It was amazing to learn from some of the brightest minds and stand up in front of many to present alongside Professor Meardon. It was a week-long trip that helped us finalize our overall conclusions about the implications of a "scientific tariff" in limiting the size of enterprise. Now, as we continue to work towards a final draft to be completed before December 1, it is important to reflect on our work from this past summer and leverage our findings to create an intriguing story for Emery and his work as chairman of the United States Tariff Board, and how the action or inaction of the board resulted in a split between Republican party progressives and long time conservative thinkers who did not share all the same values. We will finally be able to answer how Emery truly found himself in a dilemma.