SCENE THIRTEEN

WASHINGTON D.C. F STREET HEADQUARTERS

                              Lucy enters. The office is
                              deserted except for a drowsy Inez.

                    LUCY BURNS
          Have you heard anything about the meeting yet?

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
          I'm awake!

                    LUCY BURNS
          That's a "no." Let's have a drink.

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
          I know you'll think less of me, but I'm too
          exhausted for even one sip.

                    LUCY BURNS
          I do think less of you, but I'm happy to drink
          for two.

                              Alice enters.

                    LUCY BURNS (CONT'D)
          So...?

                    ALICE PAUL
          Let me take my hat off.

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
          Don't take your hat off. It makes the outfit.

                    ALICE PAUL
          Fine. Anything to appease our star. We're going
          to need you to hit the road, Inez.

                    LUCY BURNS
          To do what?

                    ALICE PAUL
          A train tour of the Western states. We have to
          put pressure on Wilson and his cronies if their
          party refuses to support suffrage.

                    LUCY BURNS
          So, the meeting didn't go well?

                    ALICE PAUL
          Can you be ready to leave in three days?

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
No. No... I'm sorry. I'm sorry the meeting
didn't go well, but... I'm positively
exhausted.

                    LUCY BURNS
She wouldn't even drink with me.

                    ALICE PAUL
Anyone who isn't exhausted isn't working hard
enough. We need you. We need the woman on the
white horse out on the tracks. This might be
the pivotal moment that finally turns public
opinion in our favor.

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
If it's so important, why don't you go?

                    ALICE PAUL
Because I'm not good at talking to a crowd.

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
Practice helps.

                    ALICE PAUL
And I'm dying. The doctors don't think I should
be doing, literally anything that I do, but
they're afraid a train tour would kill me.

                    LUCY BURNS
You talked about this with your doctors?

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
Lucy, is this true?

                    LUCY BURNS
It's more like "might" be dying. But yes. It's
not good.

                    ALICE PAUL
I was force-fed sixty times in London.
Something about that didn't agree with my body.
Go figure. The tour: I need you.

                    LUCY BURNS
The cause needs you.

                    ALICE PAUL
Take a cab home tonight. We'll talk more in the
morning.

                    INEZ MILHOLLAND
The Committee can't afford a taxi.

                    ALICE PAUL
But you can. Get some rest.