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Mr Albion W Tourgee Dear Sir

I have ben a reader of the Chicago Inter Ocean for 8 years and especially the Bystanders Notes but I have found to my detriment - that the Inter Ocean or the republican party are <sup>not</sup> what they represent themselves to be the friend of the soldier all they care for is his vote in class states this last pension law is an outrage and a swindle on the soldiers it is all for the attys they manage to get 40 dollars for getting a pension and men that has got claims pending under the old law if they live in a solid democratic or Republican state they will be rejected unless backed by a preponderance of evidence and if they want employ an atty they will have to wait untill everybody else gets served before they will take up such claims everyone knows that it only takes from 3 to 18 months for to get a claim through while my claim has ben pending for 31 months and I have ben writing to the Commissiones and the sec of Int and the President and Republican senators and they treat all of them with contempt they are not the soldiers friend and the Inter Ocean is not the champion of fair

dealing with the soldier the paper care nothing  
for the poor so they get their money. The Republican  
party would disfranchise every soldier in the  
Republic if they dared to and stop all pensions  
and then they could have 100 000 000 to make another  
salary grab I wrote to the Inter Ocean a letter and  
because it was pretty hard on the Republican party  
they would not publish it and I have no way  
to make my wrongs known only to ask democratic  
papers to publish them

now my friend and comrade I wish to speak  
with you in your notes until within the last  
8 or 9 months you was hitting them hard on the  
subject of pension and other injustices to the  
soldier why dont we hear occasionally from you  
on these subjects I understand it but probably  
not many others do Republican papers keep  
dark when they cant white wash any thing I am  
not able to discuss these things with you for I am  
nothing but a common poor man with a slight  
education but I can understand how things  
are ruining I am a republican of the Abe Lincoln  
stripe but not of the Harrison Blain kind I did  
work for Harrison's election by inducing some  
of my friends and relations to vote for him

in 9nd but I will not do so any more please  
give me an answer through your notes in the  
Inter Ocean and Oblige

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9nd Vols Infantry

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