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Dear Judge A. W. Foughee,
My Dear Sir and friend,

I noticed at the Republican
League at Cincinnati a few days
ago comparatively nothing was
said about the Constitutional liberty
of the American People,
While you are cognizant of the fact that
this very oracle was the main spring
that gave rise and support to the Repub-
~~lican~~ Party and now in seems to be
that the Party wants to ignore this
fact entirely. But I am one
among the many thousands of
the Party that believe the Party
can only win on the great question
of Constitutional liberty that
brought it into existence -
I was just thinking within
myself that if that League could
have had as its members such
men as Lincoln, Sumner,
Stanley, Morrill & so on.

summed yourself how different
things would have been made
and put. But instead of saying
some thing suggestive of patriotic
thought, they fell out among them-
selves as to their choice of Candidate
for the Presidency. I have always
been toughter in the Republican Party
the doctrine of Not Men but their
ideas that were susceptible of doing
good good to the greatest number.
It is strange yet it is true, that a dema-
gogic Cannon make a speech at a
Public gathering without constantly re-
ferring to Calhoun and
Jefferson, and it has become so
that the Republicans when they
make speeches or refer to
their old fathers as leaders. When
at the same time one of Lincoln's
thoughts would crackle through
these brains with as much
terrific force as lightning.
It is stronger than fiction.

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say Judge!! Now listen and think,
The Colored People want to call a
Convention known as the Constitutional
Constitutional Convention of Liberty or
a Convention of Constitutional Liberty
And we want the old school
of White Republicans in the
East and West to meet with
us as delegates and we want you
as the leader to come before it and
make a speech reminded of the wrongs
perpetrated upon the Negroes in the
South and also to have Mr. George
W. Cable to do like wise. Will
you give your consent to do so?
Say will call the Convention in
Indianapolis the President's
home. Please tell us in a few
weeks of who you think of
such a movement in your
view. I am afraid that the wily
Politicians will try to go in
to the next Presidential Campaign

Without saying any thing whatever
about this matter - for they think
more about money making and
Politics and the getting of the office
Now than any thing else - But such
a theory cannot last and may not win
in the next coming Campaign
I should welcome the Negro vote
in New York Penn. Ohio and Ind
It will defeat our candidates
for President and Vice President
and carry the same ratio as to
Members of Congress. Do say nothing of
other results, Please give this your
serious attention and let us have
your ideas upon it in your
notes through the Dutied Secy
And for our thousands of Patriotic
People, I am your Dear Friend

A. M. Middlebrooks

Judge A. W. Sargeant
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