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Judge S. W. Douglas

Mayville, N.Y.

My Dear Sir:

I have read your Notes in the "Inter Ocean" with great interest and considerable profit. May God bless you all your days. I hardly know what words to use to thank you but nevertheless, I thank you with all my heart with all my love and with all my strength for the manner in which you have that simple justice be done my race. I am also glad to note that you tell them of their short comings. We certainly have many, but it is not all our fault that we are ignorant poor and indifferent to the many wrongs committed upon the race. I believe if the race were better informed of its duty it would willingly and cheerfully do better than it is now doing to stop the many wrongs now being perpetrated upon us throughout the United States. When I seen the steam a short time ago that the Cotton pickers was going

to strike I told several of my
Friends that that simply meant
the death of ~~some~~ so many
Colored people. My presentiment
has come to pass. But when these
ten souls cried out to God he
certainly heard them. He heard
the poor Slave Cry for 245 years
then he taxed the ~~very~~ Nation that
made them cry almost 7 Billion
of dollars and almost three
hundred thousand men.

In Kansas through the superior
race slaughtered ten Colored
Men Wednesday ~~at~~ Sept 30th.
Of course nobody cares because
they were only "Niggers" but
if ten white Men had been
murdered, in poor Philia
Haytian even in far away
China and they proved to be Ame-
rican Citizens! why every news-
paper in America would be
howling for revenge, the Chicago,
New York, the Boston, Atlanta
Birmingham, Concord and the
Philadelphia would have all
been ordered to get ready to
sail to go and avenge the
outraged American flag.
But alas, poor Negro has no

Country, No flag and No Justice unless it be in Heaven. Of course the Colored Men and women are looking on with cold apathy. I may add apparent indifference but these wrongs continually committed upon us is going to be revenged some day. They are all being recorded. We are not expecting God Almighty to come down and avenge them for us but at the proper time we will do the work and God will be on our side. He (whether race or individual) that appeals to the sword shall die by the sword. Again He says Man that takes Man's life by Man his life shall be taken. One match can destroy Charleston, Columbia Augusta, Savannah, Wilmington New Orleans, Baltimore and I might add the whole world. Our white Brothers are making us desparate. They are merely sowing to the wind to reap the whirlwind, and it will surely come. God is just. He will accept their teaching. Of course the Regulators and murderers of the South think they are all

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spruenerful, because they belong to
the white race, but when the
Crisis comes, those of the North
that stood by and did not even
object to these wrongs will not
sacrifice life and property
to save those devils.

To give you an idea of the so called
separate coach bill in some of
the Southern States I will relate
how my wife and three small
children were treated on the
East Tennessee Virginia and
Georgia Ry on July 19th and
20th. My family came to New
York from Chicago on April 5th
1891. I had two operations performed
on one of my little boys to have
his legs straightened. He was
discharged from the Hospital
in New York on July 15th. My
wife and children went to visit
my people at Morganton, N.C.
From Morganton they went to
Metanga County North Carolina
from there they went to Johnson
City Tenn to take the train
for Chicago. She purchased
a first class R.R. ticket from
Johnson to Chicago via E. Tenn
Ry and the Illinois Central
Ry. paying \$19.15 for the same

which is the first class unlimited
 rate. She asked for a sleeping
 car but was refused. She approached
 the train at 11:30 pm and the train
 men made her with the three
 small children go in the smoking
 car. They were compelled to ride
 in the dirty smokes on a
 first class ticket just 47^{miles}
 from Johnson City to Grand
 Junction Tenn. It is useless
 Judge, for me to tell you the
 rest. Of course I had have
 happened on that train at
~~the~~ Nashville and found my
 babies and their dear mother
 in a smoking car there would
 have been war at once because
 I would positively have shot the
 first man that got in my
 way to prevent me from putting
 them in the first class coach.
 I have brought suit against
 the Road for 20000 dollars.
 I am just 30 years old and
 if God is so pleased to let me
 live, I will fight the case to
 a finish if it takes me a life
 time to pay the cost. I will
 carry it to the united States
 Supreme Court and if I cannot

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get justice then I will appeal to
public opinion, and if the rights
due me and my race are not
conceded to us, I will kill the
Man that wronged my wife
and children in compelling them
to ride 476 miles in a dirty
smoking car when she had
paid first class fare.
I am making, thank God
\$65 dollars per month and
I will save \$20.00 of that every
month to fight the Railroad
for the wrong done my family.
I believe I can get justice
on the merits of the case before
an honest jury. I am willing
to trust it to an honest jury
of white men because I know
that there are good honest Christians
among that race because you are
one, excuse this long letter but
every word is from an earnest
heart and a fearless American

I am yours sincerely

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