

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

**** ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1. 1891. ****

To Test the Constitutionality of the Separate Car Law.

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New Orleans, La., ... Oct. 1. 1. 1891

Hon. A. W. Toussaint,
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Sir & friend -

I joined you last night that our committee had already \$1500. By The Crusader you will see that the Treasurer's official statement declares \$1412.70. That was correct of receipts at the time we close ^{to go to} the press, but more has come in since, & more expected. After we hear the case will start I don't think we will lack funds.

The Committee had its meeting Thursday night. I communicated to five gentlemen you knew, & generous letter. By a formal resolution you were voted the heartfelt thanks of the Committee & elected their leading counsel in the case, from
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beginning to end, with power to choose associates,
& local counsel will have to conform
to your views & be guided by you as
far as practicable. We would like to
advise ^{you} him or them ~~it~~ before the begin-
ning of suit & if you think best to
revise the petitions & pleadings, so far
as possible, before filing them. ^{Plans to write}
you after the meeting of the committee, but had ^{nothing} ~~nothing~~ ^{to say}

As soon as the Secretary hands me
an authentic copy of the resolution
I will forward it. But you need not
wait to receive it ^{to act}. You are our

counsel & can look for associate ~~to~~
do what else you think is to be done at this early stage.
We have not yet employed local counsel
because the man we probably will have
has not yet come to town.

I suppose you have received my last
letter. When we hear from you on the points
raised, ~~and~~ or what you think of the
difficulties I suggested might be in the
way to act strictly in accordance with
your suggestions, we will ~~begin~~ go about
making the case a case.

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All interested in my list & they
 an attempt is being made by some politicians
 & preachers to revise the defunct American
 Citizens' Equal Rights Law, instead of coming
 in helping it. They are simply trying to secure
 notoriety. They did absolutely nothing when
 they had the bill to them - & cared little
 about the matter to tell the truth -
 & now that we have made the start,
 they would run the thing in the
 round if they could. But they
 can't hurt. We'll use their move
 to advantage; will force them to
 raise funds we'll get out of the way.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours very truly & respectfully
 L. A. Martinet