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Hillsdale,

Bracken co - Ky.

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My dear Judge Tourge

Your letter of
the 20 ult received, and
as you are being flooded
with letters I will condense.

I was only on the in-
side and helped plan
the Oklahoma Campaign,
which defeated the plots
of Southern bull-dozers and
cow boys, - who were given
to understand that the
Southern plan could not
work in a free atmosphere

and soil, and who ever attempted it would do so at the risk of his life.

The result - the colored men were left alone to take an equal chance in the grab. With the assistance of organized leaders, they secured 1000 claims of 160 acres each - homes for 1000 families - claims worth from \$500 to \$5000 each - according to location and convenient tributaries to Langston City.

They are the kind of

material - sort of toil - that generally hold on, and were thoroughly advised as to the undertaking and the need of means until a crop is raised, and most of them came prepared, but the Western winters often puts a severe test upon better mettle than they, and there may be some suffering this winter, but it is such a hopeful step, and of such far-reaching importance, - by way of example - that, if

should be fostered in case of need.

It is very probable that these claims will be contested, but the men show a determination to hold on.

I send you the last issue of the Herald. It has a private letter written by me - without restrictions however - so they published it in its crude shape.

It is the letter in which I suggested that the Herald, - as the prime mover among colored men in taking action

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looking to the testing of the "Jim Crow car" legislation in response to your advice, - urge your name as leading counsel in said cases.

I know, that to you belong the credit for the initiative, but I want that you will not only receive full credit for this, but also such tangible recognition - as your long service merits, with such evidence of appreciation as a high sense of gratitude alone demands - by rewarding you with

compensation com-
mensurate to the im-
portance of the case.

You have doubtless
labored under great
disadvantages, but my
dear Sir - you can't quit
such work "if you would

The spell is on you
too bad, and so long as
you have faith in God
as a personal being, remem-
ber that He rules the
destinies of men. You
are in your place and

filling it right well.

I remember that Blaine
mentions you, in his his-
tory, as one of the patriots
in conventions assembled
prior to the rebellion, to con-
sider the safety of the union.

It is no culmination of
fanaticism that it falls
to your lot to lead the
loyal host to combat
the same threatened dan-
ger, which has never dis-
appeared from certain
sections. I am ready at

any time to contribute
one man's part toward the
right settlement of these
unsettled questions - peace-
ably if we can and the other
way if we must.

Enclosed are the names of
the wife and daughter of the late
John D. Gregg - an old abolitionist
and anti-slavery friend of John
G. Fee. They gave the flower of
their family to liberty's struggle -
at the first call - killed in his 19th
year, and are still ready to
contribute a mite to keep
aloft the torch of liberty.

Sincerely yours

J. P. Robinson