

State of New York.

Senate Chamber.

Albany.

Jan. 30, 92.

Dear Judge Lougee:-

I hope you will feel that - I highly prize any word from you whether of approval or criticism. It is not said from any motive except - honest conviction when I state that - all I have seen and known of you has led me to the conviction that - you are a man of superb physical and moral courage, absolute integrity and high purpose. More, that you have wrought so well by pen, voice and act in the cause of Country and humanity that you have made a distinct impress upon the age in which we live. I honor you and believe you deserve better of mankind than you have received. Now I say this because it is true and that you may therefore feel

glad to hear from you at any  
time and shall highly prize  
your counsels.

As to my position here  
I know of nothing better  
for me to do for the present  
than I am doing - fighting  
for the right as God gives  
me to see it; and I know  
too well that my power  
will after fail. I  
can do little else than do as  
we did when I was a boy  
and "carried chain," in surveying;  
when the bushes were thick  
we took "short sights;" Write  
me whenever you care to take  
the trouble. Give my kindest  
wishes to Mrs. Sawyer and  
believe me, Thankfully yours  
J. S. Edwards