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Judge A. W. Sawyer,

My Dear Sir:

Your very kind letter
awaited my return home.

I take this opportunity to thank you
for your interest in the League and
for your solicitude concerning its success.

In one sense this is a very novel
movement among our people! We have
had a great number of benevolent
institutions among us but the League
is unique because it appeals to our
patriotism more than it does to our
personal interest. Hence we can not
estimate our success.

During my
term of office (and after) I shall en-
deavor to do all in my power to give
more definite direction to the best en-
ergies of the race for their own good
and for the good of their common country.
In so doing we hope to secure "the

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favor, the brain and conscience of the
"mass of the white Christians in the land".

It is my conviction that with the
encouragement of friends the negro
must become more self-reliant, and by
so doing he will invite the continued
co-operation of his friends everywhere.

The attitude of both political parties as
such intensifies this conviction. The
leaders of the race begin to realize
that in the securing of their rights
that they will have to appeal ^{more} to men
than to parties. Parties are too much
disposed to policy even in the face of
an inalienable and constitutional right.

If any thing can be done to secure
the Bureau of information which you
suggest I shall be glad to give it my
attention. If you will kindly outline
your plan for such an endeavor it
will give me pleasure to consider it.

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I am interested in a new monthly entitled "The Southland," a copy of which I have already sent you. It is the purpose of "The Southland" to gather all the information possible on the different phases of what is termed the Southern or Race Problem. Your suggestion concerning the Bureau is in accord with our policy although we may not have the scope of details so clearly defined as you have them. Hence my request for the outlines of your plans.

I hope you like The Southland.

Permit me to assure you that any time you are disposed to favor us with any matter on any phase of the great Southern question, it will be our pleasure ^{and instruction} to welcome you to the columns of The Southland.

I received a very encouraging letter from Mr. Edward Atkinson a few

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days ago. He suggested that we
put The Nation on our exchange
list.

I hope you will not pay much
attention to the little feeling of opposition
to your paper which attempted to display
itself at Chicago. In all such bodies
you will find an upstart who does
not always represent the sentiment of
those with whom he is associated. His
vision is usually limited and his
soul very narrow. The broad-minded
thoughtful men of that Convention and
of the country as well hold you in
underlying esteem because of your service
to the race and to the nation. We
may not always agree with you, as
I do not on the Blair Bill, but they ad-
mire your love of truth and your
devotion to the interests of a free
ballot, an unhampered citizenship and

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a safe government.

As I look at the south to-day I can not see all the evil results of the Blair Bill to which you refer. There is a gradual change manifest in many parts of the south. I can not agree with Mr. Grady and say there is a New South, nor will I say there is an old south absolutely, but in many parts we are beginning to have a condition of things which might be described by the term the New Old South. The argument that the south would take all the money might be used in regard to the state funds over which they have control and the most of which they pay directly into the state treasury.

It would be a calamity for us to say we will not receive this money for schools if we can not control it or because a few hundred dollars are probably

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misappropriated. Such an act would take from us the system which we do now enjoy. I am in favor of the Blair Bill because I think it is better to have our school terms double - six months instead of three - even if a few thousand are unaccounted for in the general distribution. My interest in the Blair Bill is intensified by the absence of anything tangible to take its place.

As to the Bureau of information I think I can secure clerical force enough in the school to carry it on without very great expense. To get certain information might involve a little expense and if you can interest your friends to this extent I shall be glad to go to work at once and gather such information as you would suggest in your plan.

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I shall endeavor to get a copy of
Pactolus Prime at my first opportunity.
If you will kindly send The Southland
a copy, the editor will be glad to review
it.

Again thanking you for your deep concern
for the success of the League and for
your interest in the welfare of the
race,

I am Yours Sincerely,
J. C. Price