

Dalcor, La: Aug. 4, 1890.

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee
Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir: - You are perhaps aware of the class legislation that has recently been enacted by the law-makers of this state. It provides separate first class coaches on all roads for persons of color.

We feel very indignant at the presence of such a law and propose to test its constitutionality in the federal courts.

But before we proceed, Mr. Tourgee, we would seek your advice. Only a few lines will suffice.

And now in behalf of the 7,999,999 of my race whose interest and whose rights you have ^{ever} championed I thank you, and may ~~think~~ ^{thin} into whose hands all of our lives are confided enable you to live long enough to see if not all, many of the wrongs disappear which are ^{daily} perpetrated against us. An early reply will greatly oblige.

Yours & very truly,

Eli C. Freeman

P.S.

As the law exists in the state of Mississippi it is a fact.

Dirty white men invade the colored first class coach and in presence of our colored ladies use the most unchaste language. In my own experience colored ladies had to stand up in ~~the~~ coach assigned to them - the seats all being occupied by white men.

E. C. F.