

Hillsdale Ky.

June 24-92.

My dear Judge,

Your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> inst received at Lexington - but the pamphlets had not arrived when I left on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - I ordered them forwarded here. I soon made up my mind that the Convention would prove a farce, for the reason that it was made up of the politicians; the supplicating crowd were in charge and elected the Chairman (Temporary) - J. C. Jackson whom you met at Minneapolis; You remember that I told you that he was influential but full of policy etc. I had him meet you - hoping that he would be helpful. He pretended to be delighted with you and I thought I had scored a point. His brother - a class mate - promised to use his influence to secure me a

hearing if I would come, I prepared a paper - but I soon found out that I would not get a hearing as they were rushing to get through in one day or night.

Friends proposed to secure me a hearing and made a motion to that effect - while the Committee was out on Credentials. The Convention voted to hear me. I only intended to outline the field and show that the "Jim Crow" can <sup>Legislative</sup> be only one wing of a general scheme of debasement for the purpose of creating an unfavorable sentiment. After speaking a few minutes I introduced the N. C. R. A. and of its influence at Minneapolis on the platform makers, and began to open up on Southern outrages, and started to open the letter sent you from LeBaron by, on the occasion of the hanging on May 31<sup>st</sup>. - just then the chairman Jackson jumped up and called me to order, saying that he had seen the letter in your office and did not think it to the point, nor would they have any thing calculated

to get up an  $\frac{1}{2}$  citement - Well - the high-handed audacity took my breath for a moment I had not thought of falling in to that trap of office holders & seekers. - a crowd, I have never had any thing to do with. I was not a delegate - and only speaking by invitation, of course I could not make as bold a fight as I felt like doing, but I held my ground. The Com - on accidentals came in, then I was called down and had to come, but I did not surrender without a struggle - part of what the newspapers say is their own making-up.

In the election of a permanent chair - man - Jackson - & Co. were defeated - and the thing got hot by night.

but I saw poor signs for business and left the next morning, there is a secret organization in the state for fighting the "junker" law" act. They are more hopeful and I will see what is in it.

Respectfully yours - J. J. Robinson  
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3. a. m. June 25-

P.S.

If you knew how badly used up I am you could understand the difficulties under which I labor, and the reason for this badly written letter, which you must guess out, for I have too many to write to rewrite this. You will note the slip signs through it. I contracted a severe cold at Minneapolis. I was worked down in trying to get my work in order to leave it, and on my return found that the hands had not done their duty in setting out the crop, and had to pitch in to bring them up - at the same time prepared a paper, at night, for the Lexington meeting, and the night before starting I sat up the entire night copying the paper - so you see I have overdone my strength. Had I willed, I could have broken the convention up, but thought best to withdraw with dignity and the support of the independent men. The people are in earnest & will go into their pockets to fight the bill, but the leaders may cripple their cause, I shall work with the independent men, hoping to replace the leadership, will use pamphlets with them, if an other meeting is not called - J. F. B.