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My dear Sir: Your letter is received and your suggestions considered.

I have worked since 1876 for others to do something to prevent some the injustice of the present and the peril of the future. Almost by accident the U. C. R. A. sprang into life. The first certificate of membership now is issued two weeks ago today. There are now several thousand waiting signature. I have nearly 10,000 letters on the subject. The white men of the North take much more interest than the Northern colored men. Hardly one mentions the civil rights. They realize instinctively that the political right is the essence the civil right the incident. A man with civil rights but no political power is like a crab without a shell, free to move about but



by the success of the movement  
and I shall see to it that no  
man makes it a step-ladder  
to power or preferment. The Advisory  
Committees in each locality will  
be appointed by the President ~~and~~  
~~constituted~~ ~~with~~ ~~a~~ ~~special~~ ~~view~~ ~~to~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~such~~  
~~such~~ ~~appointments~~ ~~given~~ ~~as~~ ~~pledge~~  
~~contingency~~  
~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~known~~  
~~to~~ ~~others~~. We mean to have  
active agents who have no axes  
to grind. The most successful  
local ~~and~~ Adjutants will be  
chosen for the State Councils.

If the colored men of the North  
will do as well as the white men  
and colored people of the South  
are doing, we shall be able to show  
the world pretty soon that there are  
some millions of American citizens  
who love justice and mean to  
see that it is enjoyed by every  
one of their number without  
distinction as to race, color  
or class or condition.