

My dear Fortune: &

I send you this which
ought to be said. I fear it would not
do for me to say it. Should you say
it, it would do good. It is time it
was fully understood that the colored
race will judge ^{public} men by their attitude
to its liberties and will appeal to the
world through their press for confir-
mation of its judgment. I doubt if the
Inter Ocean would dare publish this
but I can probably quote it in the
Herald as indication of race-sentiment.

You are welcome to use it but do not
in any way indicate its origin or
permit its authorship to be known. I
am not afraid to speak my views

as you know, but my position as
counsel in the Jim Crow Car cases
now pending in the Supreme Court,
puts upon me a check I ought not
to disregard. Such language traced
to me might prejudice ~~with~~ the cause
I represent, which is far more impor-
tant than any expression of my
views upon the subject could be.

I am glad to see that in reference
to Hayes and Blaine you have taken
the course you did. I do not quite
agree with you as to Hayes. He was
simply of the center gender which
begets good motives that hatch out
evil consequences. The main thing
is that the colored people have