

My dear Nixon;

Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recd.

~~On the~~ - I have always known that there was some influence in the office of the "Director" <sup>of the</sup> "management" hostile to the System. I have never asked what it was or who; and have not wished to know. I know I have been loyal to it, ~~to the end~~, and have given it always the best I had "in the shop". That is enough for me. My convictions ~~of such~~ as to what is of the greatest importance <sup>(and best policy)</sup> have shaped, from time to time, my work, believing as I do, that both for paper, party and individual worker, duty and policy pointed in this case in the same direction.

I make no objection to the "journal-  
istic experiment" you are making.

That is entirely your business. At  
the same time, being neither a <sup>note</sup> ~~bird~~ <sup>slight</sup> ~~block~~  
nor a butterfly, I cannot live on  
air even for "two months", nor

can I see such things as the subjoined  
"clipping" without speaking out.

It took me a channel of expression  
therefore,  
are absolutely necessary for me.

The former, fortunately, I have had  
no trouble in obtaining. Not hearing  
from you on Wednesday after  
my letter was written, on Saturday,

I saw it was necessary for me  
to do <sup>pretty immediate</sup> some "hustling" & if I did  
not want the matter to run

day. Very fortunately, the  
The answer to my first letter  
brought two days later, an offer  
of \$50 - a week for very pleas-  
ant work occupying but ~~a~~

~~to do~~ ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~large~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~time~~  
I did not have much opportunity to do, but surely had  
done the Rylander's quilt on ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~day~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~very~~ ~~good~~  
It is not as pleasant as the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
the mesh ~~Monday~~ took up about the same quantity of  
work as the ~~same~~ ~~hair~~.

stander now for that matter as  
hard - but I was very glad to get  
it, especially, as it leaves me time  
also for ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~I~~ ~~drive~~ ~~especially~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~. The National  
Citizens Rights Association have de-  
cided, ~~I~~ ~~understand~~, to publish an  
organ of some sort which  
will give me a medium  
of expression also, to you

It has been about decided, as I understand, to publish an organ of the National Citizens' Rights Association, certain parties having proposed to put it on a secure basis for one year at least. If this is done I suppose I shall be permitted to do as much as I may see fit in connection with it, and probably will be able to get a moderate price for my work.

So you see, I am no longer in any great straits with regard to the By-stander. When your "experiment" is over, if you desire to continue it let me know and if I am not headed down I ~~will~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~will~~ begin again, and <sup>we</sup> come to terms, I will begin again. Do not, however, think that I want it done as a "matter of personal favor to me."

Of course, I have made no state=  
ment to any one, as to the rea=  
son of the Bystander's suspension.

In all inquiries I have <sup>anxiously</sup> responded  
in these words: "The Bystander has  
been suspended for two months by the  
management of the Inter-Ocean. Whether  
it will be resumed at the end of that  
time or not is ~~known~~ not known  
to me."

I have made no comment but  
have been compelled when asked to  
admit the fact. I learn that it was  
known in New Orleans almost as soon  
as I found it out but the informa=  
tion did not come from this end  
of the line.

I did not fail to call at the  
Enter Avenue from any feeling that  
you would not be glad to see  
me. I am not that sort. But  
I did ~~think it worth while to go where~~  
~~you~~ not see that there was  
anything to be said or done that  
required my presence ~~and~~ and  
very probably I might say some-  
thing that might be miscon-  
strued as other earnest and  
well-intended words of mine  
have been, to my prejudice and  
no one's advantage. Besides  
that, when a man is hustling

for his work, he has to be careful  
of his minutes and I had none  
one to spare. I may have to visit  
the city next week and if I do will  
try and see you. As the wife and  
daughter will take in the Fair the  
last two weeks of September, however,  
I shall not go until their return  
unless it is absolutely necessary.

Yours respectfully

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