

Peterson, Ky

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My dear Judge George:

Your letter and record in Plessy vs Ferguson case received. Sickness in the house prevented my usual prompt reply. I have seen and now see the situation just as you describe it but could not tell it as you can. I am glad that you are not easily discouraged, because ignorance and ingratitude go together and the hardest part of any and all of lifes conflicts for the betterment of the world. The Negro is just like all other ignorant peoples; the only difference between the ignorant & better educated is that the latter know more of geography and where to run to when it gets to hot for him down here, but you are on the road by which you will open the eyes of blind whites as well as blind blacks. all will fall in when the procession moves - that is human nature and proves that the negro is human, but it is none the less trying and discouraging at times, but when

when we review all that Christ had to go through and endure through the ignorance of men we can better understand it all.

You certainly have a strong case before the Supreme Court, and a very strong opposition and a dark outlook for the Colored man if he only knew it; There is more hope through a correct public sentiment than in that Court, for it is neither law nor reason to be combated but caste-prejudice. If I had had this record when I visited the Court last fall I believe I could have won - they may have gone too far to turn back but will try again. I am especially interested in and rejoice in your great confidence in the successful establishment of "The National Citizen" - it is a relief and joy to know that you are about to see the dawn of a long looked for day that will mark an epoch in the history of this Nation and the world. I worked hard to convince that Committee of the wisdom in uniting with the Louisiana people but some lawyer had told them it was better for the cases from each state to go up separate, but as you show if the La-case fails all will

They don't see that there is but one question or principle at bottom of all this class legislation - caste. Rev John H. Frank is the safest & best Colored man in Ky to freeze to. He is self made, an honorable and clean man; seldom takes a hand in public affairs, but when he does it influence is wide in his circle. He is head of the strongest Colored Church in Louisville & Ky - good property and self supporting during slavery & now - has a strong following in the state. - personally he is tall - Indian color, (mulatto), long hair and a voice like thunder. The young woman you met in Chicago - who told you of me, went to Lou - a day before the day of prayer" - they were doing nothing. - She went to him, he had heard nothing of The National Citizens Association before. He woke up and got up a monster mass meeting at once and fired the town. I saw him on platform at Lexington anti coach convention - very influential in quiet way. therefore, I selected him to visit last fall, in your interest, with the Com. - I called on him and he heard me for over an hour - saying that he had not heard of the movement until the

Lady visited the town, but that he was interested in the movement now and wanted me to return and address his people. I left him tips of "Is Liberty worth preserving" and told him that the Com. was the most important object now. I am glad to learn that there has been good seed sown for he is a useful ally. Not brilliant etc but a good common sense - honest man with opportunity for much influence etc, therefore, you need not doubt him. I have written him a strong letter.

I have made all plans to cut loose here, did not get a sale for the farm last Spring - too late. The family have authorized me to sell it and make all I can above a fixed price. I have advertised largely for a sale to give possession in the Spring. My money is in a Louisville bank. I called for it during the panic but they took advantage of the time clause in contract of deposit. I will get it by time my contract is out here. Perhaps you can hold the place for me till Spring, if it is best for me to remain in a struggle, the present prospects for which is very tempting. I have made ~~it~~ <sup>up</sup> my mind that my best interest will be served by casting my lot with strangers - for no one can get over the knowledge of that inferior brand I hope for more light. May God help the right and strengthen you for the fight just begun - Sincerely J. S. Robinson