

My dear Fortzell: I have nothing
but what you have seen in
regard to the National Citizens Rights
Association.

I think we need more
~~than~~ ^{just} anything else, a great journal
that shall give especial considera-
tion to matters of this sort —
the rights of the citizen — the duties
of the citizen — and the con-
science of the Nation. Not
without "cakes and ale" of course,

and with a curious flourishing
of "applied Christianity" —

You know the other kind
wornies me. I believe I would
almost be willing that all
mankind should go to the
devil hereafter if they would
only do God's will and up-
ply Christ's philosophy here ^{on earth!}

I hardly know whether
I am going to get any
backing or not.

I am just letting the
matter sink. If I get
a few thousand dollars
backing I will make a
journal that will ~~have~~ do
a good deal to make
this part of the moral
evangelium, a better place
to live in, and if I
do not I will give =

ply take my discharge
in the war for doing
good and write nothing
but "realistic" novels, for
the rest of my mortal
life.

I am afraid of the Convention -
have no great confidence in any
conventions indeed - but I do hope
they will do some good. It is horrible
that the people of the United States
should be playing Pharaoh
to a black Israel of 8,000,000

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souls in the name of Jesus
of Nazareth and the stars and
stripes!

We are enough, white and
black, in this country to
swing the pendulum of pub-
lic opinion back so that
it will beat evenly on
both sides of the line of
Justice — which is the sole
truth of humanity — if we

will, — but — well
I am afraid ~~if~~ we would
rather catch grasshoppers
than fight lions.

Turner is a good man —
believes in doing something —
when things are wrong; ~~to~~ but
he is ~~so~~ terribly unreliable
as a judge of other people
and what can be done.

It is in the blood. All his
white kin were that way
and he takes after them in
method — not in purpose.

The trouble with him — and
the same thing for — is a lack
of continuity. They seem to want
to do everything at once.

Thanks for your letter, it
did me good, and came at
a time I needed a little
cheer. — Yours truly,