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My dear Colonel:

I was delighted to see your letter to Mark Battle, and sent you a pair of congratulations upon its writing and publication. I am glad as your warm friend because it ^{reinforces} the public ^{opinion} ^{of what was already known} to the masses. ^(The public) It reassures you and is warmly received by them. That you are a man of sense and principle. If you had remained just some, might have looked upon you as endorsing the St. Louis platform and the third party idea. I am a thorough democrat my sympathies being all with the masses as against the classes and I make allowances for the feeling of desperation that the hard times have begotten in many of our people. But any man who endorses such "rot" as the St. Louis platform or lends his aid to that political wild cat as we called the People's Party! in this State with Negro supremacy staring us in the face - as a consequence suffers in my opinion whatever that may be worth. Love to all. In haste
 My servant, the man Robt. Lewis