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Dear Mr. Angle:

I am coming to you as a source of all knowledge about Springfield, Illinois, and I hope I am not making you trouble.

Late in the '40's or early in the '50's a hanging took place in Springfield which caused great excitement according to my informant, a man who was a boy in that town at that time. I very much want to know the correct date. Could you without too much bother give it to me? I take it you have research workers to whom such a matter could be turned over, and if there is expense in the matter I will be glad to meet it.

I am having a great deal of fun with Sandburg as I expect everybody in Lincoln's circles in Springfield is having.

With all good wishes for the New Year

Mr. Paul M. Angle
Springfield, Illinois