The "State Journal" as Lincoln's organ.

During the campaign of 1860, as well as before and afterward, the Springfield "Journal" was quite commonly alluded to in other papers as the personal organ of Mr. Lincoln. The "Journal" made frequent denial that it sustained any such relation to Mr. Lincoln. "The time of the President," said the "Journal," in a long editorial December 24, 1860, "is abundantly occupied in attending to his own matters. The editorials for this paper are written in the Journal building." Assurances were given, however, that the editorial expressions of the "Journal" were not obnoxious to Mr. Lincoln. In an editorial February 5, 1861, the paper said: "We are in daily contact with Mr. Lincoln and those who are intimate with him and we have yet to hear a word from him or them complaining of the course of the "Journal."

There is no doubt that during the campaign of 1860, as well as that of 1858, Mr. Lincoln made frequent suggestions as to the editorial policy of the "Journal."