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It is the belief of many, that, that which did a more than any one thing else, to force the nomination of Mr. Lincoln after the assembling of the Convention was the personal power and influence of Judge David Davis and without which it is not thought, he would have received the nomination. Judge Davis possessed unusual power and ability to control a body of men by forming combinations and otherwise, but most of all by the force of his personal character. He was present with the coming of the first members of the convention and from that time on he was among them -- in the day and in the night -- entreating and persuading delegates as few men had the ability to do. The cause of his friend was more to him than it would have been had it been personal to himself. He rested not in the great work from the time it commenced until the hour of triumph came. By nature he was vehement and forceful but when aroused by an intense purpose he wielded an influence few men could withstand. This overcome when entreaty and persuasion failed.

Letter of Dec 30. 1894
from Judge Leslie of
Bloomington-Ill

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