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Judge John E. Iglehart,
918 Citizens Nat'l Bk. Bldg.,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Judge Iglehart:

"Lincoln The Hoosier" by Chas. G. Vannest came duly to hand. I have read and enjoyed it with much interest. It is the first Lincoln book I have seen that gives a clear, correct and honest view of Southern Indiana, as Lincoln saw it, and as you and I know it to have been by a hundred substantial proofs.

The high grade men of Lincoln's day in Southern Indiana are now fairly well listed and recorded. So far, so good; now let there be compiled a list of men of Southern Indiana that were boys in Southern Indiana as Lincoln was between 1816 and 1830. This to show that the "makings" of other prominent men were in the forests and environs of Southern Indiana, between 1816 and 1830 - show that Southern Indiana in 1816 and 1830 was a good place in which to rear boys and that it failed not in its opportunity.

The writer of "Lincoln The Hoosier" speaks of a well Lincoln dug and walled with native stone. If this well no longer exists as a well, the site might be discovered, by reason of the stone walls. If so, the well should be restored and thus be a memorial - "The Lincoln Well."

Since Henry Ford builds Lincoln cars, some one might induce him to give the Southwestern a "Lincoln Foundation" to the end that Lincoln may be immortalized in many cities in Southern Indiana or at least in Southern Indiana literature. Is there any way to get some one at work on that idea? Some friend of Ford might suggest it to him.

I thank you for the privilege of reading this book in advance of its publication. Trusting you are bearing up under the heat of the summer, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) GEO. R. WILSON

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