

August 24, 1923

Mr. W. H. Townsend,
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My dear Mr. Townsend:

Pardon the delay in replying to
your letter of August 13. It interests me very much.

I am afraid I cannot give you much help in the case of the suits in which Lincoln was concerned either as plaintiff or defendant. Have you examined Jesse Weik's new book? I think you will find something there on the Illinois Central suit. Also Charles Moores' "Lincoln as a Lawyer", an interesting article which was published in the Illinois Historical Magazine and has been put out in pamphlet form. If you have not the book I am sure you could get it from Mr. Moore, whose address is Indianapolis, Ind.

Of course you know Frederick Hill's "Lincoln as a Lawyer?"

These suits you mention are the only ones which I recall, but if I should come across anything, you may be sure I will forward it to you. When your little book "Abraham Lincoln, Defendant" is out, I shall be delighted to have a copy.

You seem to have made a real discovery, and that is something that Lincoln students are grateful for in these days, so thoroughly have original sources been combed over. I shall look with interest for your report of your find.

And how exciting to think of owning the Turnham copy of "The Revised Laws of Indiana"! If I am ever in Lexington I shall ask you to let me see it.

With all good wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,