

letter from Lindley M Keasbey, U of Texas, liberal friend, to EF  
about the Waco lynching.

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Dear Miss Freeman:

In the matter of that investigation you musn't expect a Tx. lawyer to go very far, -'twould get him in bad with the system, you see. On receipt of your letter I spoke to Harry Faulk of this city about it. He is the best lawyer for the purpose I can think of. Henry was an old line Democrat who became converted and ran for Atty Gen. on the Socialist ticket. He is a politician all right, but bright and I reckon sincere. His law business is mostly with the negroes. He had done a lot for them. For example he put a loan shark business out of business in these parts and it took a lot of dirty work to accomplish this. there were bad hombres on both sides. Altogether I can think of no better man for your purposes, than said: Henry Faulk, -Atty Austin, Tx.

I was sorry not to see you again in Tx. I heard only distant rumblings of your fight, and avoided all enquiry of the subject. Someday I'll hear the story from you, So far as I can gather it seems to be Votes for Wives, rather than Votes for Women these days. So long as the suffrage question is relegated to the society column, I skip it, and so am not thoroughly au fait on the subject anymore. As for the larger subject of feminism, I wish you could see the spicy correspondence that passed between Floyd Dell and myself on the subject. I sent him my story on Feminism, and he waxed facetious, and I replied. He hasn't answered me, maybe because I got him, I don't know. If one could only get Floyd Dell to Max Eastman, there might be some hope for the Masses but as it is, quien sabe?

My interest is centering on the outcome of this war and the results thereof on America. I am sending you my latest on the subject. Right now I am working to represent what I consider the real Americanism in the final settlement. I want to get myself in a position to have some say for the laboreers, the farmers, and the women, or in other words the producing classes of this country. I'm pulling every wire I can lay my hands on to get in such a position, under the Wilson administration right now. The point is: diplomacy must be taken out of the agents of capitalism and high finance, and put back into the hands of the producers and people. Fortunately I know the rules of the diplomatic game, and the mores of international law, so I may be able to get in on it. For the rest, I ought to stack up as a genuine American representative in any sort of peace enclabe, son't you think?

Things are sure are at a low ebb down here right now, it takes all my courage to keep up. And all the while literally bored to death!. The lid is on tight and clamped down, so one sees none of the fetid masses working below the surface. And over such surface Preparedness Parades! Even in Dallas next. All before the Conventions consider the incidental programs of machine politics! Ca ira!

Let me hear from you, I want the news from more active centers. And as much personal stuff as you choose to ring in.

Fraternally yours,  
Lindley M Keasbey (signed)