

Springfield, Ill. Aug. 1857.

His Excellency,

James W. Grimes

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th is received
and I am much obliged for the legal information
you give—

You can scarcely be more anxious than I, that
the next election in Iowa shall result in favor
of the Republicans— I lost nearly all the working
part of last year, giving my time to the canvass; and
I am altogether too poor to lose two years together—
I am engaged in a suit in the U. S. Court at Lehigh
Kyo, in which the Rock Island Bridge Co. is a party.
The trial is to commence the 8th of September, and
probably will last two or three weeks— During
the trial it is not improbable that all hands may
come over and take a look at the Bridge, &
if it was possible to make it his duty, I could
then speak at Davenport— My courts go right
on without cessation till late in November—

Write me again, pointing out the most striking
points of difference between your old, and new
constitutions; and also whether Democratic and Rep-
ublican party lines were drawn in the adoption
of it; & what was for, and what against it.
If by possibility I could get over amongst you, it
might be of some advantage to know these things
in advance—

Yours very truly
A. Lincoln

