

Springfield, Feb. 11-1854

Today a petition was circulated in
~~our~~ Springfield, and signed by some of the
citizens, instructing the Sangamon members to
vote for Brough's road - Whether this is a move-
~~ment, for, does the member, to accept or not, to examine~~
them, being already so inclined, we do not certainly
know, but either way, it behoves us, who have been
their fast friends, in all things, for the last seven
teen years, to have our eyes open - We sincerely hope
the movement is too limited to amount to anything,
for we much prefer standing with old friends, to any
chance to form new ones - But if Springfield, and
Sangamon county, are determined to try their fortunes
in other company, we have no power to hinder it, and
~~will, very soon, be obliged to take good care of our own~~
may. They, of course, will not complain of us - It prob-
ably would help us more than Brough's road would
hurt us, to be enabled to tap the East & West line of
road, ^{running} through Springfield, by forming a connection be-
tween La Fayette, Indiana and Paris, in this state, and
we have no doubt that Brough himself would be glad
to help us to the connection, in consideration that
we should withdraw our opposition to his road - It
thus is plain, that if Springfield must sell us



to know, ~~the~~ she may find time to see me after
 some debate before the close of the session—
 Being released from Springfield, there are some other
 matters, of which she is not wholly indifferent,
 in relation to which we possibly could gain a
 very great view against the rights of man as it is
 in the power of ~~the~~ ~~state~~ to take for
 it is our interest to be looking about for the
 party to ~~the~~ us—

Abraham Lincoln
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