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Dear Bro. Sawyer

It has been some time since I last wrote you and thought that I would drop you a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten your kindness and moral support you have gave me.

Every thing here is just the same & as always I am in good health and fine spirits.

My lawyers have put my case before the Supreme Court trying to get me a new trial. However we will not know the results until next Feb. 14th. I am not worried about it for I still hold my faith that God will do what ever He deems best for us all. If God wills that I live to be a free man again then no matter what the Courts of this world may say it shall be as God wishes. If however God so wills that I should leave this earth I gladly say Gods will be done.

I received a letter a few days ago from Mrs West and all seems well with

them. except Mrs West is having some trouble with chronic headaches. She is teaching again this year and she thinks her trouble springs from the gas they heat the school with.

My wife is trying to get away to come and bring my son to visit me but it seems she is having a little trouble doing so. I sure hope she can make it for it would be wonderful to see him again.

Value of life declining.

My Mother is quite well but somewhat grieved over me, I try to comfort her as much as possible by telling her how I feel about it. It seems strange to me now, that people prize life in this world so much, for after this life if we are prepared to die, we inherit much more than we could possibly obtain on the Earth. In our life beyond this one our joys and peace will know no limits, we know this from Gods own words yet some people cannot realize the greatness of that reward, I do not know what possible use God can get

from a life that is as spotted as mine
has been, yet I know I have his forgiveness
and through him I have found a happiness
I never had before. My only wish is that
in some way I might have the chance
to render service unto my Saviour, perhaps
I may yet have that chance and if so
I hope and pray that I will be able to
stand and meet it fully.

I know you must be busy with
Christmas so near and I hope that it
will be a joyful day for you. I would
like to attend church on that day but
I shall be content if I am but able to
offer my humble thanks to him here
in my cell.

I must close for now so write when
ever possible and I pray that God
may be with you always.

As Ever
Aloysius Jones.