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**Davidson's Letter of Withdrawal—He Complains of Bad Treatment at the Hands of White Republicans and Predicts Darrall's Defeat.**

J. Sluby Davidson, the Republican nominee in the third district, who was forced out of the field to give place to Dr. C. B. Darrall published the following letter giving his reasons for withdrawing from the canvass.

Bayou Goula Oct. 9 1886  
Mr. President and Members of the Third District Committee of the Republican Party.

Ten days have elapsed since the adjournment of the convention that did me the honor to make me its standard bearer. To my utter surprise not one step, one effort, or even one line has reached me from the chairman or secretary of the committee which is the recognized head of the Republican party in the district as to the course or manner it will pursue in this campaign.

Against me I have received at least seventy five letters of congratulations and promises of support but to my amazement not one line has reached me up to date from a single member of the convention that opposed my nomination—not even the president of the convention. Not one white Republican can be recorded among this bundle of Congratulations; but to the contrary it is rumored at Democratic headquarters that those white republicans headed by the warm hearted gentleman from Terrebonne and Iberia, viz: Messrs. H. C. Minor and Theodore Fontelleu, that they and the white Republicans would not support the nomination made at Houma.

How much of this rumor is true I am unable to say; but I do know that there is a great deal of lukewarm feeling in this campaign. Up to the time I was nominated at Houma very few of the white Republicans favored my nomination; among them I know of only two that were outspoken. One was that true and tried son of Lafourche, Judge Taylor Beattie and the other ex-postmaster Boudreaux.

Now gentlemen my nomination shows two things one of which is that the colored men will vote for any honest Republican let his color be white or black; the other that the majority of white Republicans will not stand by and support a colored Republican.

I went to the convention in the minority; the committee that made up the temporary roll of the convention was against me; they put out every delegate that they could get a pin's point against that was favorable to me; they organized the committee against me even after I was nominated.

Twelve days have elapsed since I was nominated and the committee has not appointed a campaign committee, neither have they done anything like making preparations for a canvass.

The action of the white Republican with a few exceptions and by your actions in this particular you say to me and through me to the masses that constitute the Republican voters of this district that you are good voters and we love you as such but not as aspirants. In the language of another.

When envy breeds unkind division,  
Then comes the ruin  
There begins confusion.

But gentleman this shall not come from me. Let us see how much vital support this committee proposes to give me. After twelve days silence you meet here to-day and demand of me certain things and threaten me that if they are not forthcoming you propose to sit quiet in the future during this canvass as you have in the past. Gentlemen you can do so and the responsibility will rest where it properly belongs, and that it is with you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. When you will have by your lukewarm action defeated the Republican party in this district as your will by your present actions. Thou canst say I did it. With these remarks I leave it to the best of your judgment as to how you will manage the affairs of the Republican party in this the trying moment of this party.

Many of its leaders were against my nomination notably in the parish of St. Mary where they attempted to stifle the voice of the people. The people being equal to the emergency took the matter in their hands and put aside these leaders and sent new representatives to the convention such leaders as would carry out there desires. The masses nominated me and if they are let alone will elect me to Congress.

Now the convention has adjourned and the politicians have taken the rights of the people in their hands. Yes! you have usurped the authority of the people and a defunct committee as you are seeking to undo what a convention fresh from the people has done. Whether you are right or wrong the future will tell.

There is a proverb as true as it is old: If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain. If my withdrawal from the field as a candidate for Congress, in your judgment will bring about success peace and prosperity to the party accept this gentlemen my withdrawal. With me it is party first. No act of mine shall obstruct its progress.

In conclusion and in order to do justice to my constituents and more particularly those who voted for me in the convention I ask that this statement be spreaded on the minutes of this committee.

Very respectfully  
J. S. Davidson.

**Mr. Gays Acceptante.**

Hon Edw. J. Gay, Democratic nominee for Congress in the Third Louisiana District has written the following letter accepting the nomination:

St Louis plantation Oct. 4th. 1886.  
To the Hon. C. P. Hampton, Chairman Democratic Convention Third Congressional District La.

Dear Sir—Your official notification of my nomination by the convention held at Franklin Sept 25 as a candidate to represent the Third Congressional District of Louisiana in the Fiftieth Congress has been received.

I accept the nomination and resolutions indorsing my course in the present Congress as expressions of the sentiment of the people represented.

The approval of the constituency of any faithful Representative is a source of satisfaction and an incentive to diligence of effort.

It will be my effort in the future as in the past to aid in such national legislation as will best promote the improvement of the country and the prosperity and welfare of each individual.

I will support every measure which in my judgment is calculated to advance the cause of general education, and which tends to foster and uphold every enterprise in which the welfare of both capital and labor justly participate in the fruits thereof.

With respect  
E. J. GAY.

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