

“A New Slavery!” Newspaper Article, September 21, 1900

A NEW SLAVERY

Colored Voters, Read This and Be Warned.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS DO IT.

First Take Away the Right to Vote, and Then What?

Democratic leaders in West Virginia are very solicitous of the negro vote. They profess great friendship for them. Let the negro look at what they do in Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and indeed all over the south with “Jim Crow car” laws and disenfranchisement of colored voters.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina is close to Bryan and is a leader of leaders among Democrats. Here is what he said in the United States senate on Feb. 26, 1900:

“We have 125,00 negroes of voting age, and we had 100,000 whites. Beat that by honest methods. Yet you stood up here and insisted that we must give these people a ‘free vote and a fair count.’ They had it for eight years. *** We stuffed ballot boxes. We shot them. We are not ashamed of it. *** With that system-force, tissue ballots, etc.-we got tired of ourselves. So we called a constitutional convention, and eliminated, as I have said, all of the colored people whom we could under the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments.”

If the Democrats carry the legislature of West Virginia, what will happen to the colored people?

DISFRANCHISEMENT
IS THE FIRST STEP INTO
A NEW SLAVERY.