

My Case is Obstinate:  
Letter to Fred Warren of the *Appeal to Reason*  
(January 22, 1907)

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 22 [1907].

My Dear Warren:—

Have yours of the 18th.<sup>1</sup> My case is obstinate, yields slowly, account of long neglect. It is painful and trying, but I am hopeful of outcome and shall leave here on earliest train. The doctor thinks I may leave in a day or two, but he himself cannot tell from day to day the effect of the operation.<sup>2</sup>

Note all we say about the Feb. 7th limit and not a minute shall be lost on my account.

***E. V. Debs.***

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<sup>1</sup> This letter has not survived. This was probably an answer written to the published letter reprinted here as “The Center of the Fight,” this volume.

<sup>2</sup> Debs apparently underwent throat surgery from a Cincinnati specialist, a procedure probably made necessary by his occupation as a public orator.