

Even in America, the idea of Compulsion for several decades has had many advocates, and they may be found in both of the major political parties.

In most cases, they are as patriotic and honest in purpose as those who advocate Liberty.

In many cases, it is curious to note, they claim to be just as loyal Constitutionals as those who understand that Liberty under the Constitution is irreconcilable with Compulsion.

The existence, in this Land of Liberty, of these two irreconcilable views is because of fundamental ignorance of our Constitution, our Supreme Court, and the limitations upon the powers which our Forefathers surrendered to Government in our Constitution.

As lawyers, you are thoroughly familiar with these questions.

My purpose is to discuss them with you, in simple words, in order to ascertain if you and I can make them luminously clear to the layman and lay woman.

These questions deeply concern the body politic—but they are not political in the ordinary sense of that word.