

1 I feel covers what we call not only in the legal field
2 but in social work "double punishment," and, of course,
3 as a social worker, I study social problems. I have worked/^{with}
4 people for the past ten years, and I find that there are
5 many people who come out of prison and want to start a new
6 life. They come out with certain roadblocks in their way
7 toward gaining their civil rights and reforming.

8 I feel they should have the freedom to reform.
9 This is a natural right. It is a political right that
10 many people have.

11 I would like to read briefly from a letter from
12 an attorney where I obtained the legal background for
13 this particular proposal. The letter I received is from
14 Joseph H. Thomas, JR., who says:

15 "We talked in terms of returning the ex-convict
16 to a useful, purposeful life upon his release. However,
17 below I have indicated the application of his loss of civil
18 rights as a result of a conviction."

19 The civil rights which many convicts lose: the
20 right to vote, the right to hold public office or positions
21 of private trust, jury service, testimonial capacity,