

## **No Compromise on Slavery**

By the time the Lincolns departed Lexington for Springfield on Nov. 10, 1849, the family lawsuits had yet to be settled\* – but Abraham Lincoln's mind on slavery was firmly made up. A few months later, when asked if a time was coming when the nation would have to take a stand on the issue, Lincoln firmly stated, "When that time comes my mind is made up, for I believe the slavery question can never be successfully compromised."  
(William Herndon, *Lincoln*, II, p. 362)

\*In the end, the courts found for Robert Wickliffe, and Mrs. Todd settled her husband's estate.