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AM: Mr Farage, do you really think that Brexit won't happen as things stand?

F: Oh, I hope and pray that it does, but what I see is a movement and this court case is just a part of it. There's a movement to try and keep us in the single market. Now we've seen Jeremy Corbyn, Ed Miliband, Nick Clegg – even some Tory backbenchers who were on the Leave side are now arguing, ah, well of course, Britain must stay part of the single market. And frankly, if that's where we end up we've got –

AM: That's not leaving.

F: Well, we've got half Brexit and that's not what we voted for.

AM: You've said this week that you don't any longer trust the independence of the judges. That seems a very hard line thing to say, a bit Trump if I may say so.

F: Isn't it. Isn't it? I mean isn't it ever? But then you look at Lord Justice Thomas and you see that actually he was the founding member of a body seeking to integrate law at an EU level. Surely, surely with that background - well surely with that background he should have absented himself from this particular case.

AM: So do you think that when it comes to the Supreme Court we shouldn't trust the Supreme Court not to be politically biased in this decision? Is that what you're saying?

F: I'm afraid that the reach of the European Union into the upper echelons of society in this country that makes it quite difficult for us to trust the judgements. I mean look, if you were on a jury,

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you know you would have to say I have a vested interest in this case, I can't sit on this jury, I'd like the same thing to happen.

AM: But given that all law has involved European law that would virtually rule out all judges and I just put it to you that these are professionals whose job is to look at our Constitutional Law and take a decision on the basis of the law.

F: That's fine, that's fine.

AM: It's quite dangerous to call them -

F: That's fine, but if they've been activists pushing for politically European integration they shouldn't be making these judgements.

AM: When it comes to those famous newspaper headlines now, 'Enemies of the People,' do you deprecate that or do you agree with it?

F: Oh well I completely understand, but look, let's get to what's happening here. You know we may have seen Bob Geldorf and forty thousand people in Parliament Square, you know, moaning about Brexit. Believe you me, if the people in this country think that they're going to be cheated, they're going to be betrayed, then we will see political anger the likes of which none of us in our lifetimes have ever witnessed in this country. Those newspaper headlines are reflecting that.

AM: There's going to be a real danger of disturbance in the streets and so on, if Brexit is thwarted by parliament?

F: Yeah, I think that's right and I mean you know, I heard you talking to Gina Miller earlier about the nasty things that have been said about her. I mean you know, believe you me, I've had years of this. I've had years of hate mobs, tax payer funded hate mobs

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chasing me around Britain. You know the temperature of this is very, very high. Now I'm going to say to everybody watching this who was on the Brexit side, you know, let's try and get even. Let's have peaceful protest and let's make sure in any form of election we don't support people who want to overturn this process.

AM: Now you mention election, we've got a by election coming up in Lincolnshire. The Conservatives are almost bound now I would have thought to choose a kind of fairly hard Brexit candidate. In those circumstances what is the role of UKIP?

F: Well, the point about UKIP is that we have to make sure this actually happens and history is littered with politicians making big promises and not delivering. In fact I can remember when she was Home Secretary Theresa May making big promises about what she would do with immigration numbers and failing at every turn.

AM: You've said in the Sunday Express today that you're not going off to the jungle, you're not going to be nibbling on kangaroos nether parts or anything like that –

F: No.

AM: you're going to stay and fight because it's politically very important. So you're not giving up on politics?

F: No.

AM: Can I ask you about your own future, because if I may say so gently your party has had a bit of a leadership issue recently. I assume you're now a Paul Nuttall man, but it's been a complete muddle.

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F: No, it's been a soap opera. Yeah, look, we've had a terrible few weeks. There's no question about that. It's been awful, it's been pretty embarrassing at times and yet, and yet, in the opinion polls there is still a significant level of support for us out there and I think –

AM; Can you see circumstances which before Brexit actually happens you come back to lead UKIP?

F: No. No, I've had enough of party politics, I'm sick of it. I'm interested in politics, interested in issues, keen to go on campaigning, but party politics, preparing a party for national elections every year, finished.

A: All right, we're going to talk more about politics in a moment but for now thank you very much indeed.

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AM: Nigel Farage, you have talked about a moneyed elite betraying the will of the people. Are you talking about Gina here?

F: Oh, very much so, yeah. Although, don't forget I've been in the European Parliament for years so I've seen this happen all over Europe. I've seen the Danes forced to vote again, the Irish forced to vote again, the Dutch and French ignored. There is a – there is a political and wealthy ruling elite who are not prepared to accept the democratic result of referendums.

AM: You've been an insurgent all your political life. Do you not at least admire Gina Miller here for using her own money to change things? I mean nobody else – nobody asked her to do it, she used her own money, she went to the House of Lords, she went to the courts and she has now changed our entire political structure.

F: Well, Parliament has to have a vote and she's done what she believes in. I, of course, support people doing what they believe in. However, I just want to ask her what part of the word Leave don't you understand?

GM: This case, have you read the case?

F: Yes, and you're arguing that parliament should have a say. But do you want us ultimately – okay you accept we're leaving the European Union, do you want us to stay part of a single market?

GM: That is not – I'm not the politician. I'm not the politician here. I'm the person who saw the elephant in the room which was there is no legal certainty. You should actually be my biggest fan because I've just created the legal certainty so that Theresa May can now, rather than appealing, go ahead, have the debate and

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leave. Not interrupt her timetable. So that actually there is legal certainty.

F: But what you've done is you've given all those in parliament who argue that the referendum does not mean we should leave the single market, you've given them the chance effectively to overturn the Prime Minister's wish and to mandate her. And if that happens you would have stirred up, I think, the biggest political upset we've ever seen.

GM: So shall we sack all the MPs and then go home? Because we have a representative democracy at the moment which means that they have to go in there and debate. That's what parliament was. That's what you argued for the whole way through.

F: No, I'm arguing for sovereignty.

GM: ...which was parliamentary sovereignty.

F: No, no, no no.

GM: Exactly.

F: No, no, this is not about whether Parliament's sovereign, it's about whether the British people are sovereign. That's the real argument here. And for you as a pro EU supporter to talk about parliamentary sovereignty in Britain is a bit rich isn't it really?

GM: Well we move on. Do you want a country where we have no process and where everything we do in life, be it buying a house –

F: We had it.

GM: No no.

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F: It's called a referendum. We've had a referendum.

GM: If parliament wanted to the Referendum Act would not have said it was advisory. The politicians lied all the way through, because they didn't say that.

F: I take the advisory point and I would now wish to see Constitutional change to make referendums binding and that when would end this argument and there'd be no need for this case.

GM: Absolutely

AM: Do you think there now needs to be another General – if Brexit is stuck inside the House of Commons and the House of Lords, we haven't even talked about the Lords for a while, do you think there needs to be another General Election?

F: Yes, I think that if parliament was to effectively try and mandate the Prime Minister to try and keep us inside the single market, I don't think Theresa May would have any choice but to go to the country for a spring General Election and she could do so on a very clear ticket, win a big majority. The House of Lords problem you know, there are over 104 Liberal Democrat life peers who appear to be pledged to delaying the process as much as possible.

AM: And some Conservative peers as well.

F: Yeah, I mean this could be the end of the House of Lords.

AM: Seriously? So you are stirring up huge things here, Gina Miller.

GM: I think that Nigel's point on referendum and where is the place of referendum in our political system is a very valid one. But

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that's not where we exist now. It's about the rule of law, where we are now. That is a very valid point about the whole political system being looked at –

F: ...yeah, it needs changing.

GM: ...because it all needs changing and that's the hatred that's really there and that's a hatred I completely understand in the people is that nobody trusts the politician because the majority of the ones who are the main decision makers lie.

AM: But we always used to trust the judges and apparently we don't trust the judges now either.

GM: I think that is unforgiveable because they are not – you know I'm a nobody, they are the biggest brains in this country. They are what make us great and then – no, I'm sorry but the reason you said earlier about being conflicted well we were part of the European Union, of course they have to talk about European law, we haven't left yet, they have to.

F: Yes, but Lord Thomas has been an activist for integration of law at EU level. And look, you know, the points of law we can argue for ever. I just feel that if somebody is directly politically conflicted by their past they should not sit in judgement, that's all.

AM: Thank you both very much. I'm just slightly crestfallen, the best bits of the programme are where I'm not involved at all.

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