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From condo salesman to reality TV host to leader of the free world, Donald Trump has occupied several lifetimes' worth of identities over a remarkable career of reinventions. Even so, the billionaire mogul's latest metamorphosis - into a consumer-rights plaintiff seeking to regulate big business - is a peculiar one.

With a volley of lawsuits against the operators of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, former President Trump is asking the courts to do what tycoon Trump once would have denounced: tell some of America's most powerful corporations that they have no choice who they do business with.

As a First Amendment and media law scholar, I believe the former president knows he can't win in court. Here's why - and why even his most ardent supporters don't really want him to.

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