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The first stop was made at the residence of Mr. Lott Ellington. His house, yard and garden were inspected and many favorable comments were passed upon their appearance. The next stop was at Fort Hull where Mr. Morgan Russell, one of the largest white planters of the County had prepared a barbecue breakfast. After partaking of the breakfast the party repaired to the church where a short meeting was held. Mr. Russell in introducing Principal Washington said that one of the greatest needs of the colored people was to have confidence in each other. Principal Washington on behalf of the party thanked Mr. Russell for his kindness to the party and advised the farmers to heed Mr. Russell's advice. The party then set out for Mt. Andrew community.

Just before reaching there a mounted committee met the party. A unique part of this committee was four boys mounted on oxen which were saddled and bridled. The Mt. Andrew community presented a very fine appearance. The farms of the Johnson Brothers were especially good. They own three hundred acres of land, have a store, a gin and good dwelling houses. In the Mt. Andrew community church was an excellent exhibit of the Farmers' Improvement Club which consisted of vegetables, fruits and meat. According to a report that was read, the colored people in this community own over two hundred head of livestock. There were over thirty whitewashed and painted houses here. In the course of his remarks Dr. Washington said that people could not go through a community like this without being encouraged. "Here in Macon County you have good land that will grow abundant crops. You have here a good citizenship and there is every opportunity for you to make this a heaven upon earth. Therefore get land and cultivate your land."

From here the party proceeded to Liberty Hill where a brief stop was made, the exhibits examined and short talks given. In this community the colored people own between twelve hundred and fifteen hundred acres of land. Mt. Pisgah was the next stop. Here a large crowd headed by the Farmers' Improvement Club was waiting. In the schoolhouse was an excellent exhibit of turnips, beets, cabbage, peas, potatoes, hams, canned blackberries, roasting ears and sewing. A. R. Griffin, a former student of Tuskegee and one of the leading farmers of this community introduced Principal Washington. He said that the