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Emmett Jay Scott to Wilford H. Smith

[Tuskegee, Ala.] December 27, 1911

Personal:

Dear Mr. Smith: Can you find out absolutely and definitely in some official way what has become of Ulrich. Mr. Abbott's letter of December 9th to you¹ indicated that he was unable to secure a proper bondsman. Has he yet been able to secure one? Write me at your convenience. Yours very truly,

Emmett J. Scott

TLpS Con. 439 BTW Papers DLC.

¹A. W. Abbott of the Children's Aid and Protective Society of the Oranges reported that Ulrich was sentenced on Dec. 3, 1911. He was placed on three-year probation and ordered to furnish a bond of \$1,000 and to pay \$10 a week for the support of his wife and children. In default of the bond, he was committed to the Essex County penitentiary at Caldwell, N.J., for one year or until he could furnish bond. (Abbott to Smith, Dec. 9, 1911, Copy, Con. 439, BTW Papers, DLC.)

To W. A. Conner

[Tuskegee, Ala.] December 29, 1911

Dear Sir: Answering your letter of a recent date¹ permit me to send you the following replies.

Your question as to whether graduates of industrial schools for Negroes are contented to enter the ordinary vocations without aspiring to political and social equality has never been considered by me in just the way that you put it. The graduates of Tuskegee and other Negroes, as far as I know, do not generally associate together economic and political questions, hence when the subject of taking up a vocation is considered the question of political and social equality, so far as I know does not enter in.

We have sent out from Tuskegee a large number of persons to work in the trades. Instead of being kept out of the trades by the objections of white men we are unable to fill the demands made upon us by white persons for our graduates to work in the trades. Since the American Federation of Labor voted last year to unionize the Negroes in trades,