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To James Crowe<sup>1</sup>

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Feb. 3d, 1912

My dear Sir: Mr. Smith has shown me a copy of your letter of January 22d, and I wish to assure you that I have not forgotten you, and neither do I in any way under-value the service which you rendered.<sup>2</sup> I am most grateful to you for it. I am not going to say more, but when I go to New York I want to see you and will try in some way to do something that will be entirely satisfactory to you.

I hope that something has been done for our mutual friend.<sup>3</sup> Tell him to write me. If I can serve him in any way further at any time tell him to not hesitate to call upon me. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

TLpS Con. 917 BTW Papers DLC.

<sup>1</sup> James Crowe, a Wall Street bank clerk, testified at the trial of Henry A. Ulrich that he was on the corner of Sixty-third Street and Central Park West on the night of the assault on BTW. He saw BTW running with Ulrich in pursuit and remarked to his companion, Chester A. Hagan: "Here's a thief." He witnessed Hagan's arrest of BTW and Ulrich's charge of theft. (New York *Evening Post*, Nov. 6, 1911, 16.)

<sup>2</sup> Wilford H. Smith wrote to James Crowe that BTW was under the impression that Crowe's expenses as a witness in the Ulrich case were to be paid by the state of New York. Smith said that BTW was grateful to Crowe, "and it was no doubt owing to the effect of the adverse decision that he overlooked writing you a letter of thanks." (Jan. 25, 1912, Con. 921, BTW Papers, DLC.)

<sup>3</sup> Chester A. Hagan.

To John Mitchell<sup>1</sup>

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama February 13, 1912

Dear Sir: We are each year endeavoring to turn out from Tuskegee Institute a number of persons to work in trades, such as carpentry, bricklaying, etc. This fact, in connection with the reports which I receive from time to time from our graduates who are working in the trades, has caused me to become deeply interested in the subject of Negro Trade Unionism. I have endeavored to ascertain the extent that Negroes have become members of Trades Unions, what kind of Trade