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call, members of the military organization, with arms furnished by the government, had contributed more than the average number of shots fired by the lynchers in riddling the body with bullets.

I have been in Americus since July 1907. My home is at Putnam in Schley County, my family still residing there. We employ many colored people on our plantations. We have never had one brought before the courts. I superintended both white and colored schools for 14 years before coming here. During the time there was not a single murder in the county, and the courts would convene on Mondays twice each year, and finish all business in nearly every instance in one day. But a change has come about, even in Schley County.

Back behind all this, there is more, but it is not to be written on paper. I have written you only as a matter of information; that I knowing, and that you may know the truth, and that knowing it, as bad as it is, we may make the most of it. This is only a private letter so far as my name is concerned.

I am trusting that the like will never occur again, and yet I feel these are times demanding, from somewhere, tactful, careful, diplomatic, strong, and sensible, people to grapple with the situation.

I beg to remain, Very resp.

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From J. H. Henderson

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 3rd 1913

Dear Dr. You will notice here, enclosed a clipping which explains the cause of this communication. This clipping is taken from The Bluff City News. Aug. 2nd '13.