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To accomplish what I have indicated, we must have a united race, men who are big enough and broad enough to forget and overlook personal and local differences and each willing to place upon the altar all that he holds for the benefit of the race and our country.

Sometimes it is suggested that some of us are over optimistic concerning the present conditions and future of our race. In part answer, it might be stated that one on the inside of a house looking out can often see more than the one on the outside looking in. No one enjoys riding in a pullman car so much as the one who has ridden in a freight car.

No matter how poor you are, how black you are, or how obscure your present work and position, I want each one to remember that there is a chance for him and the more difficulties he has to overcome, the greater will be his success.

Everywhere we should be proud of the Negro race and loyal to the great human family of whatever color. Whenever we consider what is now going on in Europe, where all the people are of one color, and then compare these conditions with present conditions and our task for our race, we ought to thank our Creator that conditions are so well with us and that we live beneath the Stars and Stripes.

*Tuskegee Student*, 27 (Sept. 4, 1915), 1-3.

<sup>1</sup> A typed version of the address in Con. 957, BTW Papers, DLC, included here: "81 hardware stores, 200 ice dealers, 100 insurance companies."

## Emmett Jay Scott to Robert Russa Moton

[Tuskegee, Ala.] September 4, 1915

### *Personal*

Dear Major Moton: Just as I was leaving New York City Wednesday, September 1st, Mr. Washington brought from his portfolio your letter with reference to the proposed trip to certain Northern Neck counties of Virginia.

On my return to the school I find here your letter in which you suggest the date, Sept. 13.