

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

In witness whereof the said Exposition Company hereunto attaches its signature by its President.

(signed) The Cotton States & International Exposition Company,  
By C. A. Collier, Prest.,  
Evan P. Howell, Director,  
Clement A. Evans, Director,

In the presence of: Jno. B. Gordon,<sup>6</sup>  
United States Senator

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The above is a true extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee, held August 24, 1894, at the Office of the Prest.,

J. R. Lewis Secy.

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<sup>1</sup> Martin F. Amorous (b. 1858) was general manager of the Atlanta Lumber Company in 1885. He was an Atlanta city councilman from 1887 to 1891 and again in 1903-4.

<sup>2</sup> Charles A. Collier (1848-1900) was vice-president and manager of the Capital City Bank in Atlanta. He had been president of the Piedmont Exposition in Atlanta in 1887, and its success led to his choice as president of the Cotton States and International Exposition in 1895. He was elected mayor of Atlanta for 1897-98.

<sup>3</sup> Evan Park Howell (1839-1905), after serving as a Confederate captain, moved to Atlanta as a newspaper reporter, lawyer, and politician. In 1876 he bought an interest in the Atlanta *Constitution* and became its editor, a position he held until 1897. He employed the more famous Henry W. Grady as managing editor. From 1903 to 1905 he was mayor of Atlanta.

<sup>4</sup> Clement Anselm Evans (1833-1911), a Confederate general who became a Methodist clergyman after the Civil War. He also dealt in real estate in Augusta, Ga. He became active in the United Confederate Veterans in 1889 and became commander-in-chief of that group in 1908. He wrote extensively on Confederate military history. He was chairman of the Committee on the Colored Exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

<sup>5</sup> Joseph Draper Sayers (1841-1929) was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas (1885-99). He was governor of Texas from 1899 to 1903.

<sup>6</sup> John Brown Gordon (1832-1904), after service as a general in the Confederate Army, became Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia. He was elected U.S. senator in 1873 and resigned in 1880 to promote the Georgia Pacific Railroad. He was elected governor of Georgia in 1886, and served again in the U.S. Senate from 1891 to 1897.