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always, but nearly so at any rate. The race owes Wilford H. Smith of Galveston a debt of gratitude which it will never pay, as it pays none of those who labor & sacrifice in its behalf. Note the announcement of Judge Brooks of the Texas court of Appeals.³ Yours Sincerely

Emmett J. Scott

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¹ Seth Carter *v.* Texas.

² The unidentified clippings, both dated June 30, reported a reversal of the conviction of a black man, Robert Smith, who had been found guilty of murdering a white woman, on grounds that blacks had been excluded from the jury-selection process.

³ One of the clippings accompanying Scott's letter reported the remarks of Judge M. M. Brooks of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, who stated that his opinion in the Smith case had not changed, but he was compelled to follow the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

From Isaac Fisher

The Fabyan House, Fabyan, N.H., Aug. 7, 1900

Dear Mr. Washington: Our collection at the Twin Mountain House last night was only \$6.58.

Atlanta University must be given credit for making her engagements at the most desirable places ahead of us. We seem to be following in the footsteps of the two young men who represent that school.

It seems pretty hard that fine young men — fairly respectable — working in a worthy cause, should give an entertainment for a school and receive \$12, while *one* Negro, representing in every particular, the minstrel type, working for himself alone should receive for acting the fool and servile Negro the handsome sum of \$40. That happened at this hotel. But it doesn't stop here. Every day we are made to understand that if there was less refinement about us and more fool, we would do better.

This fact often discourages my boys to such an extent that they are often willing to forget who they are and what they represent, and sing and act in accordance with the public demand so that they