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passengers from New Orleans across the Mississippi River to the Southern Pacific road. This is a matter in respect to which I have no personal knowledge, and am writing today to New Orleans asking whether the objectionable features in connection with this transfer to which you call my attention cannot be obviated or at any rate in large degree ameliorated. Upon hearing from our friends in New Orleans in reference to the matter I will write you further on the subject. Yours truly,

Charles H Tweed

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## To Theodore Roosevelt<sup>1</sup>

[Tuskegee, Ala., Oct. 2, 1901]

My Dear Mr. President: I send you the following information through my secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, whom you can trust implicitly:

Judge Bruce,<sup>2</sup> the judge of the Middle district of Alabama, died yesterday. There is going to be a very hard scramble for his place.

I saw ex-Gov. T. G. Jones yesterday, as I promised, and he is willing to accept the judgeship of the Middle district of Alabama. I am more convinced now than ever that he is the proper man for the place. He has until recently been president of the Alabama State Bar association. He is a gold democrat, and is a clean, pure man in every respect. He stood up in the constitutional convention and elsewhere for a fair election law, opposed lynching, and has been outspoken for the education of both races. He is head and shoulders above any of the other persons who I think will apply to you for the position.

I will give you more detailed information regarding other Southern appointments when I see you, which will be within a few days. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington