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would be, still at the same time his non-combative nature will give him certain advantages in doing just the work that you wish done. Charles Banks, of Mound Bayou, Miss., is a good man also, but none of these I have named are stronger than Pinchback or Williams. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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¹ Frank Harris Hitchcock (1869-1935), manager of William Howard Taft's campaign for the presidential nomination in 1908, was chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1908 to 1909. From 1909 to 1913 he was postmaster general, establishing postal savings banks, parcel post, and airmail service. In 1916 he managed the campaign of Charles Evans Hughes for the presidential nomination.

To Emmett Jay Scott

Hotel Manhattan, New York March 2, 1908

Dear Mr. Scott: Mr. Baker was kind enough to let me see the proof of the article¹ which he has written concerning Du Bois and myself. I have read it very carefully. It is a fine article, clear and clean-cut, and I am satisfied with his treatment of the subject. He certainly has a way of getting at the truth. When Du Bois, Trotter and his crowd read what Baker has written I think they will squirm.

I wish you would let Dr. Park read this. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

The gist of the matter is to the effect that all the Negroes in the South are with me, that the masses are with me in the North and only the "intellectuals" in the North are against me.

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¹ Ray Stannard Baker, "An Ostracized Race in Ferment: Story of the Conflict of Negro Parties and Negro Leaders over Methods of Dealing with Their Own Problems," *American Magazine*, 66 (May 1908), 60-70. Baker described BTW as the undisputed leader of the black masses both in the North and in the South and one of the greatest men in the country. Du Bois, on the other hand, was not a leader of men, according to Baker. He characterized Du Bois as a promulgator of ideas, a lonely critic upholding lofty goals. Where BTW sought to cultivate friendship between the races, Du Bois remained aloof from whites, Baker wrote.