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Letter, Rebecca Baskin to Franklin D. Roosevelt, October 18, 1935

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Vaiden, Mississippi.

October 18, 1935.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

You have done much and have been very considerate for many people and I am wondering if you will lend some assistance to a 72 year old white widow in the Southland.

I own a 105 acres farm in Carroll County, Mississippi, on which cotton is raised as the only money crop. When the Cotton Adjustment Program was inaugurated we had just gone through several very rainy years and my County Farm Agent advised me to not sign a contract, because of my low production average caused by these rainy years.

In the year 1934 I raised 1640 pounds of lint cotton and received a permit to gin 1320 pounds of this cotton free from tax. In 1935 I will raise 1300 pounds of lint cotton, but have received only permit to gin 400 pounds. If I am forced to pay the tax on the balance of my crop this year I cannot pay my taxes and will loose my home.

All of my appeals to those in authority have been of no avail.

I am making this final appeal to you for relief, if it is possible for you to grant, in this time of distress.

Your loyal friend,
