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## Letter to Cammie Williams

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January 18th. 1913.

C.A. Williams.

Dry Grove, Mississippi,

Dear Cammie:-

I am sending you under separate cover some reading matter consisting of some cotton statistics, which might enlighten you about an industry in which we all need information, and also a copy of the Congressional Record which contains the farewell address of Senator Joseph W. Bailey to the United States Senate. This is a very remarkable speech and shows great research and evinces great erudition. This subject of "Initiative & Referendum" is one that I have never heard discussed impartially or dispassionately. It has always been discussed most when some candidate or candidates were before the people for office. I have great admiration <sup>for</sup> of Senators Baileys' ability as a statesman and any one reading this speech is compelled to accede to him the right to be classed among our greatest men of this day. It may be that he is insincere and that he is a corrupt man; and then it may be that he is absolutely honest and that while his work and actions have put him in a position that opened him to the malignity of his foes and that his popularity has suffered unjustly on account of this.

I have enjoyed this speech very much and I want you to take it and read it over carefully and with a view to digest it thoroughly and I am sure that you will find this one of the best disquisitions or dissertations on this subject that has yet been delivered. If we are really getting away from the fundamentals



in our government as established by the fathers then it is indeed a great man who has the temerity to speak his mind and warn his people of such a tendency in face of the tremendous popular cry for such a tendency. If the law of initiative and referendum proves a failure and is abandoned, - as it might likely be - then this speech will write Bailey down among the immortals.

So much for "Constitutional Joe".

I am glad to hear through Mama that you are getting alright again and that you are at work and ~~alright~~ practically well.

With much love to you and yours and all home folk,

Your brother,