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December 16, 1896.

Mr. James Harrison,

Burnsville, Miss.

My dear Jim:-

Your letter was received several days ago, and the cane was delivered by the Express Company on the same day. I have been so continually engaged that I have not had time to write, and thank you. The cane is beautiful, and such wood is rarely found in this, or any other country. I shall keep it in remembrance of you while I live, and always think of you with profound appreciation of your friendship and kindness. The stick suits me exactly, and excels anything that I had anticipated. I do not need it now, for I never carry a cane, but I hope to live a good many years yet, and if I should be so fortunate, in the natural course of things, I shall need it, and then will recur with gratitude to your thoughtful consideration of my approaching necessities.

I have brought the pension matter to the attention of the Commissioner, but fear it is too late to have the effect which we all desire, and that is for every soldier who needs and deserves the pension shall have it, and that none others shall. Every reasonable old soldier is justly disgusted by the manner in which the pension money is distributed, but that is mainly in the hands of the county authorities. When the Grand Jury passes favorably on an application it is hard for the Commissioner to deny it; and if the application is not made or is rejected by the county authorities, he is at the end of his inquiry.

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I find that B. F. Robinson, Old Cairo, is on the list allowed, also James Mock. These have been approved by the county board and by the Grand Jury, and the distribution has already been made. The money has not been sent out yet, but the distribution has been made, and will soon be forwarded. There is a probability that this pension business will take some other form, for there are many complaints of the manner in which it is distributed. Many favor the establishment of a soldiers home instead of a continuation of the pensions. What will be done I am unable to say.

I regret that the pension ever goes to an unworthy or undeserving person, for those it was intended, and to them it ought to go. The county boards, and Grand jury should look to this, and I hope hereafter they will do so.

Your friend truly,

