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March 21, 1906

Hon. W. V. Sullivan,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

The bearer hereof, my friend Mr. E. J. Martin, visits the Capital City, as a representative of the Southern Railway Company, in the interest of what is known as 'The anti-scalping Bill', now pending before Congress. Mr. Martin is connected with the Passenger Department of the Southern Railway Company, and is quite familiar with everything that affects that department of the Company.

Mr. Martin has been a citizen of Mississippi for many years, served four years in the Southern Army, is most loyal to the South and all its interests, and as such I commend him to your courteous favor.

I have given the subject of this anti-scalping bill considerable thought, and have arrived at the conclusion that something ought to be done to protect the railroads from the evils resulting from the traffic in tickets. Some such bill as that outlined by the Inter-State Commission, with some amendments, would give the desired relief, and I believe it would advance the best interests of our Southern roads.

I shall greatly appreciate any courtesy shown Mr. Martin while in the city, assuring you that he is in every sense a gentleman, and will duly appreciate your favors.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,