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Hon W.E. Fort
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir :-

Sometime at your convenience I would like to have an interview with you regarding the convict situation, will call at your office any time you say.

For your information, during Governor Kilby's term I submitted to him and the convict Board a proposal which would solve the situation for all times, in the meantime long before Judge Brandon was elected I discussed it with him and met with every encouragement and continued so till his election, but afterwards, he seem to change his mind, and I have just been informed by Mr Boyd of the Convict Board, that they have investigated my proposition thoroughly and that they were not interested.

I have discussed my offer to the State with every class and have the backing of all except those using convicts for their own personal gain.

The Alabama Farm Federation has also passed resolutions recommending to the State that the convicts be used in the manner suggested in my proposal, yet Governor Brandon says no one has ever submitted any solution of the Lease System.

I feel it now my duty as a citizen to work harder than ever to see the present System abolished, and at the same time find out if possible why our officers are so favorable to the present situation.

I have served 35 years in the mining business in the Birmingham District filling every position from Water Boy to the ownership of mines, and it is folly for any one to state that to put an inexperienced person under ground to work is humane.

I was in Montgomery about two weeks ago and in an interview with the Governor and convict Board, while there the Governor gave instructions to Mr Nolen to get an Engineer from the Highway Department and two others from other Departments and have a detailed investigation made of my proposal and to go into every detail making a personal examination of the property and etc, this is the last I have heard till advised yesterday by Mr Boyd.

I will appreciate an interview at your convenience,
Very truly yours,

R N McDonough