

" Put God First In All Things"



Scott's Book

To The Honorable
B.M. Miller Governor
of Ala.

State of Nebraska

SENATE CHAMBER
FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

Lincoln 4/24/31.

To the Governor of the great State of Alabama, I am taking this advantage to write you in the interest of these 9 Negro boys and men that are under the death sentence in your state. I have studied the situation from News Papers information. I am to confess that I do not believe your christian heart will ever permit such a thing a thing to take place during your administration.

I am southern borned, and know something about the southern Negro. In the first place you will have to agree with me that the girls ~~are Negroes in the first place~~ placed themselves in the wrong relationship, secondly I doubt very much as to the truth of these Negroes forcing or even ~~try~~ trying to force these girls, but the girls would naturally be in sympathy with the white boys that were put out of the cars, and I see no good reason why they would remain in the car with these Negro boys.

You know what an easy matter it is to convict a Negro in your state for a crime he never committed, while the courts declare all men innocent until proven guilty, we have turned the thing around when dealing with the Negro. I pause here to say I am a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and am a firm believer in the teachings of the bible which say "Be not deceived, God is not mocked whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." While this sentence come thru a court decision, you hold it within your power as Governor to commute to life sentence.

If these Negro boys are Electrocuted under your administration, it will be a case without a precedence in the U.S. and will leave a black mark on the history of the State of Ala. that will always detract from the high moral status of the Governor that permitted this act to be carried out during his term of office. I am connected with the Nebraska Legislature, and I believe in justice and fair play to all men.

I remain your in His name. Rev. O. J. Burckhardt
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Ps. Some how I have been prompted to write you this letter hoping that you may note the contents prayerfully, supposing such a charge under like conditions was made against your own son, what ~~would~~ would be your decision in the case.

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