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Lake Charles, La. April 13, 1929.

Governor B. M. Miller,

Montgomery, Ala.,

Dear Gov., Miller;

The better class of people of the South would like to commend Judge Hawkins for his trial of those negroe. Of course we think he should have had the execution in a few weeks. Such a henious crime by negroes should be dealt with at once, or even if they were white boys. The trouble with our courts in America, is- the sentance is delayed to long, in England they have a speedy sentance.

What is our South coming to, if we have to listen to telegrams from N. Y. criticizing a court that would condemn negros for such a crime. I cannot conceive of any one trying to ~~stay the~~ interfere with the trial. I would be ashamed of Alabama as my state if any other sentance would have been given. I think the 14 year old boy should have been sentanced with the rest. If I were a lawyer, I would certionly have to much pride to try to defend a negro in that case.

I have never heard of so many crimes on white women by negros. Is it because we are to lenient with them, or is it this society in N. Y. that they think will protect them?

Yours Truly,

Mrs. L. Miller