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The Hon. B. M. Miller,
Governor of Alabama,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Governor Miller:

For some time several of the pastors and churchmen of our community have been studying the case of the nine Scottsboro negro boys. From the evidence we have at hand, the whole affair seems to be a sad miscarriage of justice.

Cases such as these of these nine unfortunate boys and the case of Tom Mooney go a long way toward undermining public confidence in our system of justice. To say that such undermining is progressing very rapidly today is but mildly to state the case. As we of the churches know, this is not confined to radical elements but is very prevalent among the more thoughtful and cultured classes. Its effect upon courts and justice as administered through courts in the future, cannot be definitely gauged today. One cannot escape the conviction, however, that the effect will be most disastrous.

Many of us are hopeful that you will use your powers as governor to release these boys and thus bring to an end this most unfortunate affair.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Albert W. Kauffman