Souisville & Nashville Prailroad Company Vice Presidents Office, Louisville, Fig.

Milton H. Smith, Vice President.

Dec'r 5th, 1889.

Maj. H. C. McDowell,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I regret to hear of your illness.

I now expect to leave here on Sunday next for Washington and New York, to be absent ten days or more. I will, however, leave instructions placing L. & N. Car 353, with porter, at your service, for yourself and party on trip to Alabama.

Please advise Mr. R. H. Ingram, my Assistant, this office, a short time in advance of leaving here, so that he may have the car in readiness, and also arrange for an interview with Mr. B. C. Epperson, Superintendent, who will give you such advice and letters as will secure you such assistance and information as you may need in Alabama. I suppose Mr. Briggs will accompany you. I met our friend, Mr. Atherton, on yesterday, and suggested that he make the trip with you, which he promised to do if circumstances would permit.

Yours truly,

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