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Mr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin,  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Tuskegee Normal & Industrial Inst.,  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

We very much appreciate the kind invitation contained in your letter of September 27th for a representative of this Company to attend the Symposium on the Negro in industry and agriculture in connection with the exercises inaugurating Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson as third president of Tuskegee Institute on October 26th. We regret that we will not be in position to avail ourselves of your kind invitation, however, Prof. Davis of Tuskegee Normal, who recently visited this city, is in a position to give your meeting many facts regarding our operations here.

Again thanking you for having written us, we are,

Yours very truly,

W. F. Smither

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