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Mr. Chas. H. Houston
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My dear Mr. Houston:

Upon my return to the city this morning, I find your letter of the 24th inst. Replying thereto will state, that we are still working on the teachers' salary case in this state. I was present in a conference on Saturday with a committee from the State Teachers' Association, and it was decided there that we should proceed with the case.

During the week I am going to prepare an application or petition to be lodged with the School Board of Brevard County, Florida, setting up in substance, the claims of the colored teachers of this state to be paid equal salaries with other teachers with like qualifications and performing the same work. The School Board meets once each month and its next meeting will be held on or before the 10th of December.

Of course the Board will deny the petition, whatever it might be. My plan then, is to file proper legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of Florida. It is likely that the Florida Supreme Court will deny the petition. Then we will need you and the Association to assist us in taking the case to the United States Supreme Court. Of course we realize that in this case like in others, success depends very largely upon the record that is made by the appellant in the court below. I am thinking that perhaps I had better send you a copy of my draft of the petition to be filed in the Supreme Court of Florida, to be criticised by you, before it is filed.

I am having some little difficulty in holding my teacher client in line. I knew that from the beginning and so we have prepared another job for him in the event that he is dismissed by the school board when his petition is filed.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. D. McGill
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Rockville, Maryland

Teachers' Salaries

- Mr. Isaac Smith - ✓
- Isaac Redick - ✓
- Hellay Powell - ✓
- Namie Johnson - ✓
- Wm. A. Mason - ✓
- James Johnson - ✓
- Chas. Edmunds - ✓
- Horace Hicks - ✓
- Henry Manley - ✓
- Charles Adams - ✓
- Phillips Jackson - ✓
- William Young - ✓