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Mr. Thurgood Marshall
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My dear Mr. Marshall:

I am now in position to reply to your letter of the 4th inst. Mr. Gilbert came in from Cocoa, Florida, yesterday (Sunday) and after going over his petition, copy of which is herewith inclosed you, he signed the same and approved it. This is the first time I have been in conference with my client since I received your letter and I made a special engagement with him yesterday for the purpose of putting his petition in final shape. He lives over two hundred miles south of here.

Please look over this petition and if there are any suggestions you desire to make with reference to it, I shall be glad to consider them. I realize fully that this is a highly technical proceedings and great care must be taken in drafting the petition so that if an appeal is taken our pleadings will be sufficient. As soon as I have your memorandum brief in this case I believe I am in a position to file suit, in spite of the fact that our clients are far behind in their agreement with me as to a retainer's fee.

When the petition is filed if it be sufficient, the court will issue an alternative writ of mandamus to the respondents as a matter of course. They will, in all probabilities, file a motion to quash the writ or the return thereon or some other pleading. The court will then set the case for argument. If, at that time, you feel that you can come to Florida to assist me, I shall be glad to have you.

I believe when this case is filed and the proper publicity is given to it, the Florida teachers and other citizens of this state will rally to our cause in a financial way.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours very truly,

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