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Richmond, Ill 12-12-71

My Dear Mr. Sargent:

Your favor of 5<sup>th</sup> inst, relative to appointment of Advisory Comm. for Mr. Henry Sessions of Ill. Div. is received, and shall receive as prompt attention as my circumstances will admit of. It seems to me these persons should be seen personally, that only such men as are with the movement and will act, be placed on such Committee, and to do this I must have a little time. There too, I am in doubt whether the whole number should be named from Richmond or to "speak them over the County." Richmond is nearly on the N. E. corner of the County, while Woodstock, the county seat is central on the E. end some 18 miles S. W. of Richmond. Shall I send names

from Richmond, and, leaving other  
allergies in the country out? If this  
Committee is to act for the whole Co  
selections should be made. Enough  
really. I am sorry to make you the  
trouble of a reply, but needs light.

I find much encouragement  
in President Harrison's utterances in  
his late message. Can we back up  
his message to the Congress with a  
mellow murmur? Somehow, the mes-  
sage seems fundamentally defective  
for the N. C. R. A.

Yours Always  
S. F. Bennett