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Dear friend

I am in
Carrollton at the House
of a friend. my scit-
come on to day. I was
sworn this afternoon.
at first I was very nervous
but I thought of what
you said. be calm
and collected. Benedict
was inclined to be

impertinent, and I got-
my mill up and I
could order him. I
wish you could be here.
I think it was a put-up
job to get you on any
the other side was be
little afraid of you.
yesterday they said their
side was ready and
to-day they said one
of their principle witnesses
was sick but the judge
was not willing to let
it go over, and another
reason I hear for it's
being tried this term is
the judge required them
to furnish Bonds and

they could not. It is a
very stormy cold time
here. the roads are all
flood. I had to come
through lots and flower
yards when I came.
I have no paper with
me so had to use what
the people had in the
house. If I have to go
again I will write you
what has been done.
Saturday P. M.

I attended court this
forenoon but was not
called on, only two or
three witnesses questioned
one an experienced Engineer
one a Boiler Maker.

they have adjourned
until Monday A.M. I
like the Judge very much
he seems so candid.

I wish you were where
I could advise with
you. you will have your
day. keep up your heart
I will write you next
week, did you receive
the letter I promised.
with love to all I am
your friend Collins