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Making It a Color Issue.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—[Special.]—A strong political pressure is being brought to bear on the administration by the colored leaders throughout the country, to secure the appointment of Judge Albin W. Tourgee, as Judge Cooley's successor on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Appeals have been sent to the controllers of the negro voting strength to exert their influence to the same end with the white Republican leaders, even to the point of threatening a bolt in the coming elections if their request is not complied with.

Judge Tourgee, well known by his writings, is especially the white champion of entire and general equality between the white and black races; and it is contended that with him on the commission "Jim Crow" car laws would be rendered inoperative.

The President is between two fires in this matter, and appears to prefer a waiting policy. As regards appointing Tourgee "he will be dashed if he does and be dashed if he don't."