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THE  
Second Tuskegee Negro Conference,

TO BE HELD IN THE  
BLACK BELT OF ALABAMA.

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The Negro Conference held at Tuskegee, Alabama, under the auspices of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute last February which proved so helpful and instructive and created so much interest throughout the country will be repeated this year on the 21st of February.

The aim will be as last year, to bring together for a quiet conference, not the politicians or those usually termed "the leaders," but the representatives of the common, hard-working farmers and mechanics—the bone and sinew of the Negro race—and a few ministers and teachers.

Two objects will be kept in view in this Conference: First to find out from the people *themselves* the facts as to their present industrial, educational, moral and religious conditions, Second, to get as much light as possible as to how the young men and women now being educated in the higher institutions can best use their education in helping the masses to lift themselves up.

It is hoped that this Conference, being held as it is, in the heart of the South, right in the midst of the millions of colored people, will serve as a mile-stone in their progress.

Last year there were 450 representatives present and they surprised every one in their earnestness, common sense, by the interesting way in which they described their present condition, and the clearness with which they saw the needed remedies for present evils.

No one who has not lived in the South for some time can rightly judge of the deplorable condition of the masses as it is manifested in poverty, debt, immorality and ignorance. The country may as well settle down to the fact that, for the next fifty years, there is to be one long, hard struggle on the part of the blacks and whites to overcome the *effects* of slavery.

Any information about the Conference may be had from BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, Principal, Tuskegee Institute.

TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA.

TO *Hon. O. W. Touque*

You and your friends are invited to be present.