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Judge W. W. Moore,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

No doubt this letter will be a surprise but I feel I would not treat neither myself nor you right to not say any more to you when I know without any question of a doubt that facts about me and my associates have been greatly misrepresented by the Superintendent of our Hospital.

I firmly believe and have acted on that principle all my life - that truth crushed to earth will rise again.

Hence, in the final analysis you are going to give me the same place in your estimation that I once had.

I declare to you in the name of Justice to allow my side to be heard, no, I mean to allow both sides to be heard with the best evidence that each side can give, and the side that is wrong, the side that has misrepresented the facts for selfish reasons, why let that side suffer just and severe condemnation.

You and Mrs. Moore know it is my nature to hold on what I believe is the truth in my treatment and operation on your cook, Emily Dunn. When Mrs. Moore saw my interest in her cook's welfare she complimented me for the unselfish spirit I manifested.

So in this great hospital fight I am working for the interest of the Institution. Fourteen months of close contact with our Supt. forced me to the belief that our Supt. was failing here just as she had done in Virginia and Alabama. We can never run this Hospital to please you with our present Supt. because she is incapable of managing grown people and getting cooperation from the physicians.

She boasts about being able to impress Southern white men, she says when she tells them about the dying request of her white grandfather, she usually gets what she wants. Her white grandfather told her, so she says to tell the Southern white men to take care of her. I am sure this white story of hers can be verified by some of the white men on the Advisory Board.

She can't win in her attempt to put our white friends against us, she may and has won a temporary victory, but times, O! times is the great factor in establishing the truth.

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Another factor I have gleaned from conversation is, she is against investigation and wants her white friends to accept what she says and ignore complaints against her without allowing investigations. That in itself is evidence of guilt.

I must not make this too long. Finally, I want to offer an apology for speaking of the errors Dr. Slaughter has made, because he is a great and good man and our race is blessed to have such men as you and Dr. Slaughter to speak for them.

The errors any of the good men and women have made who are members of the Advisory Board are due to misrepresentations of our Supt. and too much faith in her knowledge of knowing how to run our Hospital.

Therefore, I have nothing but honor and praise for the good white people on our Advisory Board, and believe the spirit of right which I know they possess will cause them to give both sides a fair hearing.

Please pardon me for sending you this special. I hope I have not made a serious mistake.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Yours truly,

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