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opposed to the heresies of the extremists  
North and South, I can take this call, and  
thus form the connecting line between the  
Southern people and the United States Gov-  
ernment. This I propose to do, and to es-  
tablish a mail on every route the South now  
destitute of the same, as follows:

Any person who is desirous of becoming  
a contractor should address me at once, stat-  
ing the route or routes for which he desires  
contracting, [here state the extreme points to  
be connected, which of course, should be on  
some route heretofore established, I will then  
contract for such route or routes in my own  
name and let the parties have them at a dis-  
count of 2½ per cent on the annual amount  
for carrying the mails on said route or  
routes, which will be about 25c per mile for  
a weekly, 50c for a semi-weekly, and 75c  
for a tri-weekly mail. This arrangement  
will secure the route to the sub-contractors  
substantially the same as if it were his own  
contract, and frequently at a better price  
than could be obtained in the usual way  
where there is no such competition.

My percentage or mileage, as above, will  
not be required until the end of the first  
quarter.

The first applicant for a route or routes,  
judging by the post mark on the letter of  
application; will have the preference, other  
things being equal.

Persons making application, should send  
a guarantee signed by at least two guar-  
antors. The guarantee should be certified  
to by a postmaster or a Judge of a Court  
of Record. Applicants can, if they desire,  
obtain blank forms, together with a small  
pamphlet, giving full directions relative to  
mail services also a copy of the test oath  
all printed by the Government and sent free,  
by addressing the subscriber

#### Method of Payment.

As I am recognized as principal in this  
matter, payment must necessarily come  
through me. I can, however give the par-  
ties drafts on the Sixth Auditor of the Uni-  
ted States Treasury for all the quarters for  
which contract may have been awarded,  
and these can be presented one at a time as  
they fall due; and the money drawn sub-  
stantially the same as if the parties were bona  
fide contractors. In this case the expense  
(2½ per cent.) should be paid by or before the  
expiration of the first quarter after the com-  
mencement of service; otherwise payment for this quar-  
ter will be drawn by the undersigned, ex-  
penses deducted and the residue, with drafts  
for the remaining quarters, forwarded to the  
parties carrying the mails. If persons pre-  
fer, I will draw and forward their money at  
the end of every quarter, without extra  
charge. I would however prefer that they  
accept the drafts, in order that they may have  
the matter in their own hands.

It would be a source of gratification to me  
if I be the means of extending mail facilities  
to the Southern people. Their attention is  
therefore respectfully called to this matter.  
As I am not required to cut down, by com-  
petition it would doubtless be to their inter-  
est to make speedy application, before any  
modification is made in the test oath in or-  
der that they may obtain their routes at the  
highest rates admissible.

Persons confiding to my care may rely  
upon fair and prompt dealing. All accepted  
bids will be entered upon the books of the  
Postoffice Department, where they will be  
open to inspection.

All letters of inquiry relative to the fore-  
going should contain a stamp and be ad-  
dressed to

BRYAN TYSON,  
Box 2000, Washington, D. C.

References, (by permission) G. W.  
Samson, D. D., LL. D. President Columbia  
College; Hon Chas. Mason, President Na-  
tional Democratic Executive Committee,  
also Patent Attorney.

The foregoing has, I believe, been pub-  
lished in but three papers south. Judging  
from the business that has been received  
from the readers of each of these papers the  
amount would be quite large if it were gen-  
erally noticed. Editors throughout the South  
will therefore please insert the foregoing  
for six consecutive weeks and forward it  
with a marked copy of paper containing the  
same, as directed above.