

2126 Tracy Ave.

Kansas City, Missouri

September 20, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon,

President

de Republica de Mexico,

Esteemed Sir:- Representing a number of Negroes north of your country, I am indulging the hope of trespassing on sufficient of your extremely valuable time to get the following information.

Noting that arrangements are making for citizens of Mexico to settle on the cotton plantations of the United States of North America to replace the Negroes who because unbearable conditions have migrated north, would it be the policy of your government to admit honest, thrifty, selfrespecting Negroes to settle permanently in the vicinity of Torreon? There, families would take up or purchase land not to exceed 25 acres to the family, and in due time become naturalized citizens of Mexico, proud of the title.

We are aware that white men from our country in the past have exploited your beloved and heroic country. But Negroes have not learned, nor are they inclined to learn, to do that. We, Negroes, are tired of receiving slaps in the face, and being subject to outrageous discriminations, regardless of superior ability, simply because we are not full descendents of Europeans. Your motto: "We want less war and more work" has gripped us, as well as this statement attributed to you: "I prefer any day a good electrician, machinist, carpenter, farmer to a soldier."

If the above query finds favor with you, kindly have us informed at your earliest convenience, what would be the price per acre of such land and any other conditions applying thereto.

Yours for the best in every man and genuine liberty,

William H. Dawley, Jr.