Mr. Pittman's Rebuttal

Somewhat abbreviated but not deprived of any legitimate meaning, Mr. Pittman's open letter to McCall's reads:

"While a member of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission I became familiar with the racial restriction clause and discussed it with other members, including W. S. Allen, well-known attorney of Greenville, Meriwether County, Georgia, a personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt while he visited in Georgia.

"The statement by Mrs. Roosevelt is unfortunate and without basis in fact. Since Georgia and Southern people have lately become the peculiar objects of unfounded slander and unreasoning bias, we submit the facts for consideration by fair minds:

"There was no law in any part of Meriwether County or Georgia at any time before or since that required a racial restrictive clause. The restriction against Negroes was imposed by Mr. Roosevelt for reasons solely personal to himself.

"Today Mr. Allen made the following statement: 'I have known the deed records of Meriwether County for 37 years and I have used those records in my profession almost weekly. The restrictions against Negroes imposed by Franklin D. Roosevelt are the only race restrictions I have ever seen on the records of Meriwether County. I do not believe that any other such restriction can be found.'"

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