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My Dear Dr. Gilman:

Yours of the 28th to hand, and I thank you for your kindly expression of confidence. As I predicted in my letter to you recently, I will be obliged to go to New York to remain most of October. I think it quite possible I may leave here this week. The names you suggest (Col. W. W. Gordon and Maj. Jas. T. Stewart, of Savannah) are very good ones indeed as they are well known in the cotton trade, and from all I know of them they are thoroughly up in the handling and classification of cotton. If you want an Atlanta man among the judges let me suggest the name of my partner, Mr. W. C. Sanders, who is really the expert buyer of our firm. He will be here during October and will no doubt be glad to serve you. His time, however, is so important to him that it would hardly be possible for him to serve as judge on any other branch of agriculture than cotton. If any further names are needed I would suggest Mr. Jas. Tobin of Augusta, a leading cotton merchant of that place, formerly President of the Augusta Cotton Exchange. I suppose ^{as} ~~there~~ ^{is} as many names as you care for in cotton, but if you find you want other names suggested write to Mr. W. C. Sanders, care ^{Atlanta} S. M. Inman & Co., and he will immediately advise you of other names known to the trade as experts in this state. I make this suggestion on account of my probable absence.

Very truly yours,