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Hon. Wilson Cramer,  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Cramer:

I am mailing you today, as per our talk while I was at Jefferson City, the affidavits and the architect's report in the Normal School matter.

The affidavits are made by two gentlemen who appeared before the Board of Regents when the positive statement was made by Mr. Houck that the Board would recommend an appropriation of \$11,071.92. The architect in his report states that \$5,625.00 was the penalty for overtime and \$5,446.92 was the amount short in the payment for labor and material bills incurred in the execution of this contract. You will note my total claim for extras is \$5,382.00 and not \$5,446.92. At the time the agreement was made I stated to the Board that I only wanted what was due me, and the amount of my bill for extras was \$5,382.00. This was done by the architect simply to cover up his mistakes in the plans and specifications.

If there is any other information that you will need, kindly let me know and I will get it to you as promptly as possible. I wish you would see the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Hon. Hopkins, and see what he has to say about it.

You will note by the paragraph which is marked in the architect's report that the agreement was made, as above stated, that the Board would ask for an appropriation to cover my extras, but when the time came they failed or refused to include the extras and only recommended the appropriation for the penalty, which was \$5,625.00, and the combined claim of the N.O. Nelson Mfg. Company and the Brown-Ketchum Iron Company totaled \$9,076.00, for which these companies accepted my personal notes at that time, and which the affidavits enclosed verify.

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This, in my opinion, is conclusive proof that the Board of Regents, or rather the State of Missouri, is indebted to me in the amount that I claim. In fact, I feel that they are indebted to me for interest for the time I have been kept out of the money, and should I fail this time to receive the amount due me, I feel it will be time for me to bring suit and get a judgment, which I hope will not be necessary.

Thanking you very kindly for the interest that I know you will take in the matter, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

EFR-BMA.