

Report of Special Joint Committee on the State Reformatory at Marianna.

Hon. T.A. Jennings:

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Sir:-

Your joint Committee under House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, relative to the State Reformatory at Marianna, Florida, begs leave to report that we have visited said school and found the buildings and lands to be in the condition reported to the Governor by Hon. W.H. Milton, President of the Board of Managers of said Institution under date of March 11, 1911, also that the number of children was about the same as stated therein.

Your Committee inspected the Buildings and Grounds of both white and colored schools and interrogated indiscriminately local members of said Board of Managers, Superintendents, Matrons, Guards and inmates as to the management and conduct of institution, and as a result of our labors we report the following conclusions:

The white school seems to have been neatly kept and at present, there is ample room for eating and sleeping quarters for the inmates thereof, and they appear to be comfortably clad, and, as a rule, seem to be happy.

We are satisfied that under the present management of Mr. John Milton, Superintendent of said institution, the inmates are humanely treated. We learn with regret however, that under the management of Mr. Milton's predecessor the inmates were at times unnecessarily and brutally punished, the instrument of punishment being a leather strap fastened to a wooden handle; but we assured by the President of the Board of Managers that when such treatment of the inmates came to the knowledge of the Board the services of this man were dispensed with and we are happy to report that the present Superintendent has what your Committee deems to be a.

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