

Conversation with Prof. G. W. Carver at Tuskegee, Alabama,  
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I drove over to Tuskegee, Alabama on Feb. 11, with Dr. E. E. Sparks, President Emeritus of Penn. State College, and Prof. Banghman of the Auburn Polytechnic and Professor of Highway Engineering of this institution and a graduate of I.S.C. Prof. Carver greeted me with both hands and shook my hands very warmly, then President Sparks and Prof. Banghman. He said I am so glad to see you and enquired about the family and Ames, I. S. C. In front of his laboratory he told Dr. Sparks "I owe more to Dr. Pammel than to any other one man, he put me on my feet, gave me the inspiration to do research work." I went through his laboratory and saw some of his new discoveries. He had several new dyes made from the sweet potato, soy bean, etc.

Then he showed me samples of mineral paints made from mineral clays, some of which are to be utilized for painting cars red. An Atlantic company has about concluded the purchase of a tract of ground where these clays occur for the purpose of making paints.

Mr. Carver wore the usual flower or sprig of green in the lapel of his coat.

After leaving Tuskegee President Sparks remarked about as follows. The emoluments from teaching are the little touching things as illustrated by the greeting Prof. Carver gave you. Not to be personal or egotistic this recalls an incident which occurred when a demonstration was made by Students of Penn State College for me. Governor Spraulé said money cannot buy such sympathies and the esteem of students you have helped. It is one of the fine emoluments and pay the teacher receives. These are not exact words because I am writing this from memory.