

Sherman Tex.

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 89  
His Excellency, L. S. Ross Gov. of Tex.

We the Colored  
Citizens of Sherman and Grayson  
County humbly pray your Excellen-  
cies consideration of what we deem  
to be a matter of vast importance to  
the State of Texas!

Whereas the Pope Rail Road Bill is now  
pending in the House, provides that  
separate coaches shall be constructed  
for colored people, will be an injus-  
tice to our race and a reflection upon  
the fame and fair name of our great  
State.

The following are some of our objections  
to such a law.

First Such a discrimination will  
have a degrading influence upon those  
of our race, who are <sup>striving</sup> to be useful and  
respected by the best class of people.  
Second, While Mr. Pope's bill, will add  
nothing to the comfort and convenience  
of the white people, it perpetrates a great  
wrong upon an inoffensive and law abid-  
ing people.

Third) It will have a ten-