

I hope to get all right again
My wife is & has been for a
week quite sick. I hope to
hear from you soon direct
your letter to St Louis 522
Myrtle St

Very truly yours
T. W. Moore

P.S.

If possible for you to send me
\$200 or more if to spare do so
as the sheriff says if I buy in
all the fixtures to the house and
goods I shall have to pay the
purchase money in before I can take
charge, and as my money is not due
until 1st February I will have to write
notice then for it My atty says the
same and if I am not prepared
with money to bid \$5000, worth of
goods may sell for \$1000, the sale
comes off on the 17th let me hear before
that time

St Louis Mo
Nov 6th 1867
Mr Elias Bean
Dear Friend

You will be
surprised when you read this letter
I am much surprised to have
to communicate such intelligence
The Man that I engaged with
got all the money he could
borrow and all the credit he
could get from the Merchants
in the way of goods for his
Stores and business giving 100 & 30
days check. He borrowed all
of my money & all of his checks
money and on Sunday night took
his family and ran away leaving
word that he had gone into the
Country to see a sick mother
& would be back on Monday

evening. Monday after the Banks
opened his notes & Chucks began
to come in protested. We all kept
quiet until Tuesday morning when
B closed doors and then every
one came in good earnest to
try to save himself. I had a
trust on part of his effects & I
thought enough to protect me
but now I have some doubt
about being fully secured as one
other man is head of me for \$300,
my debt is \$1400, and I fear
the owner of the Store will hold
a part for his lease. It will
be the first of February before
I can get my money back
I shall know in twenty days
what amt I shall get and
what I shall lose if any
The Sheriff thinks I am safe
it is one of the greatest boondos

ever perpetrated. We have eleven
detectives after him and I think
shall have him back in the
Calabroose soon. He has swindled
at least fifty different persons,
I am the much largest creditor,
the others ranging from two
to seven hundred dollars.
I am here with out money
enough to pay two weeks board
& bed fix to be in. Cant you
see Mr Lawrence & see if he
will not pay his note - or if
you have it that you can
draw for at thirty days on
N.Y. send me a draft for
\$200, and by the first of
January you will get enough
collected to pay Moores as this
note which is less than \$200
I request to have to ask it
but I am in a tight place