

Tallulah,

Madison Parish La.

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr Elias Barr

President Farmer Alliance etc.

Sir

at this place

Received

last week a letter from you inclosing one written by Mr Finner & you all sent to me at Fort Barnwell Leaven Co N.C., the letters were lost out of my pocket between Tallulah and my residence 4 miles, I delayed answering thinking that the letter would be found, but so far I have not got it. I will answer as best I can from memory. Dras County Agent and Sub Agent of the Farmers Alliance of Leaven, Mr Finner advertised a Sorgum Evaporator in the Progressive Farmer. I wrote to one of the Farmers in May or June to know his prices, terms &c. They appeared satisfactory. I informed him that an evaporator

would be ordered in the fall, he stated that the  
work would be first class in every respect.  
A short time before Sorgum making time, I ordered  
the evaporator no answer for 3 weeks, the man  
I ordered for a Mr Charles Smith Sec of the  
Sub Alliance got me to write a second  
letter and after I gave him the letter to mail, he  
put the Alliance Seal on it, I did not.  
The first Mr Turner that I corresponded with  
had moved, hence the delay in hearing from him,  
but another Mr Turner (I can not recall the names now)  
carrying on the business sent the evaporator and  
with it a lean Mill. on arrival at Dover  
Station I notified Mr Smith about it, he or his son  
went there for the evaporator, both good judges of evaporators  
and the evaporator was of such inferior material  
and construction that another expert a Mr Outlaw  
an Alliance brother was called to examine it  
and Mr Smith and Outlaw concluded that it was  
not worth paying for, that is the evaporator,  
they informed me that the mill was all  
right, but having got the evaporator  
and mill from Mr Turner, and

The parties for whom it was ordered, having  
declined to take it, on account of its defects,  
I had no remedy but to ship the whole  
Concern back to Mr Turner the shipper  
and the only one from whom I ordered them.  
I never had any Correspondence with the  
maker of the Mill, never ordered it from him,  
Mr Turners evaporator being defective &  
had to send all to him, that, as far as my  
memory serves me embraces all I had  
to do with the transaction. I can  
see no good grounds for any claims on  
the Alliance or me. If Mr Turner thinks  
he has any just claims on me individually  
for the transaction, I am here, and will  
pay him promptly for any legal claim  
he can prove, and will not take any advantage  
of any legal quibble, Homestead or any thing else.  
I moved from Leaven last month.  
I regret I lost the letters.

Yours very Respectfully  
A Gordon