

Matton N.C.

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The question of a covering for Cotton will be the all absorbing one in St Louis on the meeting of our organization next month. Whether the Cotton exchanges will meet & cooperate with you is an important matter. The sentiment of the A.C. Alliance as expressed in Fayetteville I presume remains the same and I suppose you have no doubt as to the course you should pursue in the matter of a covering for Cotton -- but the question of fare is not so easily solved. Suppose to reach the meeting you are on the road just

Talk on Cotton Bagging, what  
then? Can the Brotherhood be re-  
lied upon to use cotton bagging  
at a loss of 80¢ to 90¢ per Bale, and  
if so, what will we have accomplished  
in defeating <sup>the</sup> Bagging Trust when  
exporters & Compress Cos' recover  
the Cotton with jute. It seems to  
me Dear Bro that the whole moneyed  
power of the Country, Banks, R.R's,

Merchants &c are or have already  
organized to annihilate us

Yet do not understand me  
as being discouraged or wishing  
to cravfish, I and the Alliance  
to which I belong are as determined  
as ever and "sink or swim, live  
or die survive or perish" will  
stand solidly by the action of  
the St Louis Convention be it  
what it may. In regard to this  
question of the sub in could  
find some Cotton

boards, planks &c that will weigh  
more than 8 yds of jute, would that  
not bring about an adjustment  
of this puzzling question of the  
the boat would then be on the  
other foot - I have written longer  
than I intended as my object  
in writing was to state that we  
would endorse and stand by  
any action you may take in  
the matter -

Fraternally

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