

NEWS RELEASE BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, December 19, 1955.

Aiken, S. C.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Copy of a letter to:

Honorable Champion McD. Davis, President
Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co.
Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Champ:

I learned with great interest that your railroad is planning to move its General Offices from Wilmington to a more central location. I am informed that Florence is the South Carolina town with the best prospect of being selected as the new home for these offices, and I am writing to recommend Florence highly and to urge you and those entrusted with selecting the new site to give this progressive city every consideration.

Florence is the hub of the Pee Dee section of South Carolina and is one of the fastest growing cities on the Eastern Seaboard. It has many splendid industrial sites and all the other requirements and facilities attractive to new industry. Florence was built by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and has always been a "railroad" town. The fine citizens of that city would, along with all other South Carolinians, be very proud to become the capital city of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The city officials of Florence have conveyed to me their great interest in having you locate in their city. They pledge their utmost cooperation and will exert every effort to assist you during this important transition period of your railroad.

Our South Carolina State Government is sound and progressive. No other State in the Union is growing faster. In our State, management and labor have always worked together harmoniously and effectively.

As U. S. Senator from South Carolina, I want to pledge to you my full cooperation in this endeavor and to tell you that we would be delighted to have you come to South Carolina. I am confident you would be well pleased with the reception you would receive here and with the sympathetic and cooperative attitude of our people.

With best wishes, and with greetings of the Season,

Sincerely,

Strom Thurmond

Copy to: Hon. A. L. M. Wiggins
Chairman, Board of ~~Trustee~~ Directors
Atlantic Coast Line RR Co.
Hartsville, S. C.