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As the battle in the Senate over the so-called civil rights bill continues, there is no evidence that the South can expect any assistance from either national political party. There is no apparent willingness on the part of the advocates of this vicious legislation to consider the views of the South.

Senator Russell, who is coordinating the efforts of Southerners to defeat the bill, has expressed no hope that his talk with the President will have any effect on the Senators who seem so determined to force this bill on us, even though the President has indicated a weaker bill would be acceptable to him. So far as I am concerned, there can be no compromise on the part of the South, so the conceding will have to be done by our opponents.

We Southerners have been meeting to work out plans to fight this legislation to the very end.

There is no basis on which to predict how long the fight will go on, because, of course, we do not know how long the advocates of the bill are willing to try to force it on us. I am prepared to speak at length to let our views be known very clearly over the country.

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