justice from the country in conformity with the Constitution & the laws, & ~~with the services I have rendered. What those services are, I am willing~~ the history of the past & the records of the country should be called up to testify. I am willing to submit to "the law & the testimony". The Auditorial Board is the proper Court to act, in the first instance, upon my claim. If I cannot obtain what I consider justice there, I will not, on that account, change my ground. If a Mandamus will lie to the District, & ultimately to the Supreme Court, as is believed, I may resort to that tribunal, & shall abide its decision, as I feel assured it would be in my favor:- or, if a mandamus will, or will not, lie, I can have a quasi appeal to the Legislature from an adverse decision of the Board, which I can prosecute, & still without changing the ground I occupy, or asking, or appearing to ask a gratuity or favor; & should the Legislature sustain the decision of the Board & determine that the Convention which framed our fundamental law, divested me of my personal rights, (& without "a pretext" of course) & thus fixed a dark spot upon the escutcheon of Texas, I shall submit, without a regret for myself, but certainly not without sorrow for being made the medium through which that stain was placed there, & a firm belief that, sooner or later, it would be removed. But, if I agree that the Board, without making a decision in my case, should hand it over as one of more or less merit, to the Legislature, I should be made to appear to acquiesce in the non-action of the Board, & to come before the Legislature as an applicant for relief upon a claim of doubtful justice & legality. I religiously believe that the obligation of the late Republic of Texas to pay the balance of my Salary, with accrued interest, is just as legal as the obligation was to pay any part of it; a belief in which I am sustained