

Orla D. Allen Morton B. Welch
Pipe Organ Work

DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION
TUBULAR AND ELECTRO-PNEUMATIC ACTIONS
TUNING AND GENERAL REPAIRING

Montgomery Ala., Feb'y 18th, 1919.

Dr. W. J. Reynolds
Selma Ala.

My Dear Dr Reynolds.

I have your favor of the 22nd ulto, which I received on my return from New York a few days since.

While in the East I visited the Hartford factory where the new Selma organ is being built, and have since heard that the organ was shipped about a week ago, so that it will not be many days I anticipate before we shall be in Selma to handle the erection of it.

Regarding St Pauls organ I will say that we are about to close with a large church in Atlanta for the erection or rather re-build of a large old Roosevelt organ, which your organ originally was before being re-built by Hutchings. This may solve the solution for your church of having a strictly modern and reliable electric action organ with all the modern improvements of motor blower and detached console or keyboard, and still be able to use the old case and pipes, which in these days of high prices in every line of business and work will effect considerable saving.

I shall be pleased to have Mr Welch look this work over for you, and it may be that I can myself personally be with him at the time, as I expect to be more or less in Selma during the progress of this theatre job.

I wish you might be over here in Montgomery some day when we could show you the Strand organ here.

If you cared to do so, you might drop a line to Dr James R. Hobbs care First Baptist Church, Birmingham Ala, who has lately accepted that pastorate, for whom we have built two organs in different churches in the last five years, the last one the largest in the state of Arkansas, and for whom we shall probably build the largest one in Birmingham in the course of another year, and get his views on the Austin action and organ construction generally. He has made an exhaustive study of these things, and I know of no layman so well qualified to give an opinion of organ construction and tone quality as he.

Thanking you for your letter, and with the hope that I may be able to get you on the right road to cure organ troubles for all time, I have the honor to remain,

Yours Very Truly,

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