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October 5th, 1905.

Application for Transfer.

Mr. William States Lee, Jr.,
Chief Engineer, Southern Power Co.,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Your application for transfer from Associate to Full Membership in the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, has been received.

Your references will be communicated with, and the application acted upon by the Board of Directors, in due course.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

Re app JH

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December 19th, 1905.

Application for Transfer.

Mr. William S. Lee, Jr.,

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application for transfer, I have been requested by the Board of Examiners to inform you that the record of your experience as submitted, is not sufficiently complete to afford a basis upon which to present a recommendation in the case to the Board of Directors. It is therefore suggested that you furnish further details, with dates and places regarding the character of the electrical engineering work done by you, for the further information of the Board of Examiners.

In order that you may determine the character of the information required, I send you another set of transfer forms, to be used as a guide, although the amended record may be made on ordinary letter paper.

Yours truly,

(Enclosure)

Secretary.

Re 4404 JH

DEC 29 1905

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

DR. W. GILL WYLIE, PRESIDENT.
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W. S. LEE JR. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER.
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. Dec. 27, 1905.

DEC 29 Ans'd

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Sec. A.I.E.E.,
95 Liberty St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of Dec. 9th, as to further details with dates and places and character of electrical and engineering work done by me, beg to say that, as Resident Engineer of Anderson Water Light & Power Company, Anderson, S. C., during 1897 I had charge of hydraulic and electrical construction including design and construction of transmission lines. While there I erected and put in service two 11,000 volt Stanley Generators, which, at that time, were the first machines to actually operate at 11,000 volts.

From October 1898 to March 1903 I was with the Columbus Power Company, Columbus, Ga., first as Resident Engineer, having in charge the construction of the hydro-electric development, and later as Chief Engineer, having in charge the construction of the transmission lines, etc., and operation of this plant.

From March 1903 to present date as Chief Engineer of the Catawba Power Company, I completed the hydro-electric development of 8,000 KW, designed and built in the neighborhood of 100 miles of transmission lines with necessary sub-stations, for the total output and designed most of the electric drives for the mills using the power of this plant.

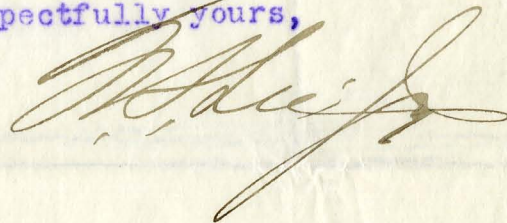
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R.W.P....2.

In June of this year I was made Chief Engineer of the Southern Power Company, which Company acquired the Catawba Power Company and purchased nine additional water powers with an aggregate of 125,000 H.P.

It is the intention to weave these various plants into one large system which will feed the various towns and cities in this district, and I am in immediate charge of all construction and design. The development of the first of these plants, which will give us 24,000 KW, was commenced in July and contracts have been let for both the hydraulic and electric equipment.

Respectfully yours,



WSL/BH.

DEC 29 1905

December 29th, 1905.

Further Details.

Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr.,
Charlotte,
North Carolina.

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Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 27th, giving further details as to your electrical engineering practice, which will be referred to the Board of Examiners for consideration at its next meeting.

Thanking you for your prompt compliance with our request, I am,

Yours truly,

Secretary.

Re Further Details

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January 6th, 1906.

Amended Record.

Mr. William States Lee, Jr.,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your amended record, as furnished in compliance with the request of the Board of Examiners, I have the honor to inform you that your statement was carefully considered by the Board, and I was instructed to request you to give additional details, more particularly regarding the nature of the work done at Columbus, and regarding that part of the same of which you were in responsible charge.

The Board notes from your record that about four years of your active practice of the electrical engineering profession, appears to have been with the Columbus company. The reference to your work during this time is very meagre, and the Board would be glad to have you amplify the same. You might also add any other information which would assist the Board of Examiners in determining clearly your qualifications as fixed by the Constitution, Article II, Section 3, which is as follows:-

"To be eligible to membership as a professional Electrical Engineer, the applicant shall have been in the active practice of his profession for at least five years; he shall have had responsible charge of work for at least two years, and shall be qualified to design as well as direct electrical engineering works. Graduation from a School of Engineering of recognized standing shall be considered the equivalent of one year's active practice."

Yours truly,

Re amended record

Secretary.

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SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

*shall he
withdraw?*

DR. W. GILL WYLIE, PRESIDENT.
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. Jan. 9, 1906.

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
A. I. E. E.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of your favor of Jan. 6th, asking that I give additional details regarding my electrical experience. I wish to thank you very much for your attention and trouble in this matter, but to be very frank with you, I see no use with my wasting my time or taking up yours keeping this thing up any longer.

I note, however, you quote Article 2, section 3 in your letter. In looking over this article I find that Applicant shall have been in active practice of his profession at least 5 years. If you will refer to my record you will find that I have been in active practice since 1897.

I note further that he shall have had responsible charge of work for at least two years. By referring to my record you will find that I have had entire charge of work that I have been on since March 1902; and further shall be qualified to design as well as direct electrical works. You will note that at present I am engaged in designing and constructing plants of the Southern Power Company, and this system when completed will be second to none in the United States outside of Niagara.

As I have previously written you, I have been engaged in design and construction of three of the largest plants in

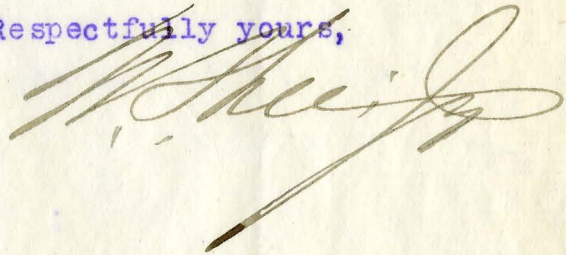
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the South and am now designing and constructing the plants of
the Southern Power Company.

If the above information is not entirely satisfactory
please drop the matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. H. ...', written in a cursive style over the typed phrase 'Respectfully yours,'.

WSL/LE

Sir

In relation to your application
for transfer to the grade of member, and
referring to the remark in the last paragraph
of your letter of July 2^d 1906, the AS
of the Board instructed me to say that the
information contained in said letter is not
entirely satisfactory. The Board would
therefore be pleased to know whether you
desire to withdraw your said application for
transfer; ^{as indicated on that letter} If not the application will be
acted upon in regular course.

January 18th, 1906.

Application for Membership.

Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr.,

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of January 9th, it was the opinion of the Board of Examiners that further details should be given regarding the electrical engineering work of which you were in responsible charge during the period covered by the dates 1898 to March 1902, when you were resident engineer of the Columbus Power Company.

Upon the receipt of this information the Board of Examiners will be in a position to decide more intelligently as to your electrical engineering experience as required by the Constitution. In your letter of December 27th, you mentioned the fact that you were in charge of the construction of the hydro-electric development, but failed to give such details as will enable the Board to judge of the character of the work.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

JAN 26 1906

CATAWBA POWER COMPANY

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Jan. 24, 1906.

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
American Society Electrical Engineers,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I have your favor of Jan. 18th, regarding my work while with the Columbus Power Company from 1898 to 1902.

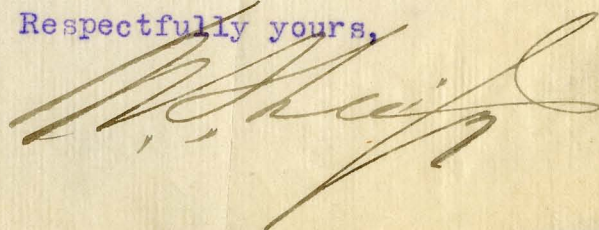
While I was Resident Engineer of this work the Chief Engineer did not live in or near Columbus, Ga., and I had entire charge of the whole work. We set up during this time 3 - 1080 K.W. 6600 volts, 2 phase Stanley Inductor Type Generators.

While I did not design the general lay out of the plant I did, however, perfect all details in connecting same up at my office in Columbus, Ga. I designed the conduit work in connection with plant, also line construction.

During this time while with the Columbus Power Co., we laid out Town which has about 1000 to 1500 inhabitants, and I also designed and had charge of construction of lighting system for this town, including both arc and incandescent service. During this time this plant began operation, and I also had charge of operation of same.

Hoping that the above is satisfactory, I am,

Respectfully yours,



WSL/LE

Sends data per record.

February 16th, 1906.

Additional Information.

Mr. William States Lee, Jr.,

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application for transfer, I have been instructed by the Board of Examiners to request that you give information as to your record for the three years prior to 1897, with a view of informing the Board as to where you obtained the necessary technical training to qualify you for designing the work at Anderson, South Carolina, which forms an important part of your record of experience.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

MAR 12 1906

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

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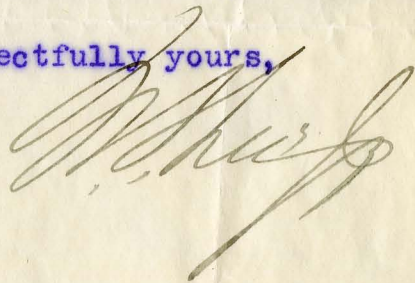
Mch. 9, 1906.

American Insititute of Electrical Engineers,
Mr. Ralph W. Pope,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your favor of Feb. 16th,- will say that
my experience prior to 1897 was entirely Civile Engineering.

Respectfully yours,



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Re his record

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VIRGINIA PASSENGER AND POWER COMPANY

Richmond, Va.,

March 22, 1906.

Mr. L. B. Stillwell,

100 Broadway, New York.

My dear Mr. Stillwell:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and in reply will say that the party about whom you make inquiries was my assistant at Columbus, Georgia, when I was building the power plant there. He had charge of the construction of masonry dam and power house, but had nothing to do with the electrical construction. When he moved to Rock Hill to take charge of that work his principal duties were to look after and push the construction of the dam and power house. The electrical engineering had all been done at that time and the erection of the apparatus was in charge of the engineers of the General Electric Company. So far as I know, this party has had little or no experience as an electrical engineer, and, since you ask my judgment as to his professional attainments and standing as an electrical engineer, I would say, of course, that they are not of the highest class. The party is a very bright man and very energetic. His chief attainments are, however, I think, of an executive character. He is a thoroughly good organizer and pusher of construction work.

I trust this will give you the information you desire and know, of course, that you will, as you say, regard it in strict confidence.

Very truly yours,
Wm. C. Whitner.

MAR 23 1906

L. B. STILLWELL,
CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.
100 BROADWAY, N. Y. CITY.

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March 23, 1906.

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
American Society of Electrical Engineers,
95 Liberty Street, City.

Dear Sir:-

I have your recent letter and thank you for reminding me of my promise to communicate with Mr. Whitner regarding application of Mr. Lee for transfer to membership.

I enclose, herewith, copy of a letter from Mr. Whitner which I think contains just the information which Mr. Maver desired.

Yours very truly,

L. B. Stillwell

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Enc.

Re Mr. Lee's Inf.

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SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

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April 16, 1906.

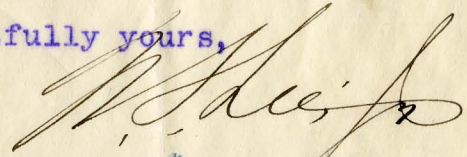
Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
American Institute Electrical Engrs.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I would thank you to advise me of my application
for transfer from Associate to Member.

Please forward application blanks for Associate
Member to Mr. R. S. Cannon, Rock Hill, S. C., and Mr. H. A.
Tibbs, Fort Lawn, S. C. These are two very capable young men
who are at present Supt. of divisions on our system, and I
would like very much to see them become Associate Members of
the American Institute Electrical Engineers.

Respectfully yours,



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*In view of the remark in last paragraph
of his letter of Jan 9 '06 to you I suggest that this can be held
over until next meeting of Bd of Engrs*

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SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

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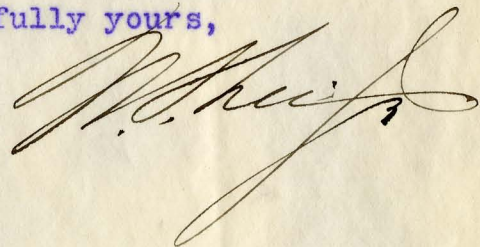
April 20, 1906.

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
A. I. E. E.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I have your favor of the 18th, inst., advising me that my application of transfer will be taken up at the next meeting of the Board of Examiners, which will be held on the 4th of May,- also that you are sending application blanks to Messrs. Cannon and Tibbs, for which you will please accept thanks.

Respectfully yours,



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Re Inf-

May 7th, 1906.

Application for Transfer.

Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr.,

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

In relation to your application for transfer, to the grade of Member, and referring to the remark in the last paragraph of your letter of January 9th, 1906, the Board of Examiners instructs me to say that the information contained in said letter is not satisfactory.

The Board would therefore be pleased to know whether you desire to withdraw your said application for transfer as intimated in that letter. If not, the application will be acted upon in the regular course.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

MAY 12 1906

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.

May 10, 1906.

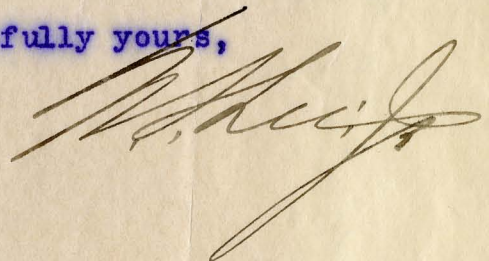
Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
A. I. E. E.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I have your favor of May 7th. While I regret very much that it has been necessary to pass so many letters between us regarding this application for transfer, - will say that I do not care to withdraw same.

I would thank you to advise me in detail as to the action taken on this application, both by your Board and when it comes up for final hearing.

Respectfully yours,



Re Inf-

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OCT 15 1906

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

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THIRD FLOOR TRUST BUILDING

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Oct. 12, 1906.

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MR. RALPH W. POPE, SECRETARY,
 American Institute Electrical Engineers,
 New York city.

Dear Sir:--

Please send me copy of blank which are sent to parties
 to whom candidates refer to as reference as to eligibility for
 members or associate members of the Institute.

Respectfully yours,

W. S. Lee Jr.
Secretary

PROPOSED
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 IN OPERATION
 TRANSMISSION LINES
 ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENTS &
 MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF HYDRO-
 "Charlotte N.C."
Southern Power Co.

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November 12th, 1906.

Application for Transfer.

Mr. William States Lee, Jr.,
Charlotte,
North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the Board of Directors, at a meeting held October 26th, 1906, acted adversely upon your application to the grade of Member.

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

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MILTON DARGAN,
PRESIDENT.

DAN B. HARRIS,
VICE-PRESIDENT.

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CHAS. C. FLEMING,
SECRETARY.

JOS. S. RAINE, Jr.,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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E. H. CHISHOLM, South Carolina,
S. E. BICKFORD, Virginia.

January 15th 1907.

Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,

American Institute of Electrical Engineers,

95 Liberty St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 12th inst., I beg to hand you enclosed map showing the territory being covered by the Electric Company for which Mr. W. S. Lee is Vice President and Chief Engineer. I have on several occasions visited Charlotte and vicinity while this work was in progress and have gone fully into what is being done and can state from personal knowledge that Mr. Lee has carried all of the engineering work for this concern and has either designed or supervised the designing of the details of this work throughout. He has been Chief Engineer in fact as well as name and deserves full credit for all that has been accomplished. The details of these developments are as follows:

There is being completed at the present time the hydraulic work and installation of the electrical end of the Great Falls station, which will consist of 8 - 3000 K. W. Generators, with necessary details, such as, step-up transformers etc. etc. This plant will transmit power at 44000 volts to the various cotton mills and other power consumers within 100 miles of

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it.

Mr. Lee has also purchased apparatus for another plant of the same size, which he is beginning construction of, and has purchased apparatus for a third plant in which is to be installed 6 - 3000 K.W. machines.

In addition to this work, he has in operation under him the Catawba Power Company's plant, from which he is now distributing some 10,000 horse power.

This is the largest work that has ever been undertaken in this part of the country, and Mr. Lee's ability to carry it through is based on the record he has made in connection with his past work and the equipment under his charge, and I think you will find that he is in every way entitled to be raised to the rank of full member of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Brown
~~Chief Electrician.~~

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IN REPLYING PLEASE ADDRESS,

AMPERE, N. J., U. S. A.
April, 11, 1907

Mr. Ralph W. Pope,
Secretary, A. I. E. E.
33 West 39th street,
New York City.

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Dear Sir:

I have your request for further information regarding transfer #1011 of Mr. William States Lee, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C. concerning whom I spoke at the last meeting of the Board of Directors on the occasion of their receiving a report of the Board of Examiners, unfavorable to his transfer to full membership in the Institute.

As stated to the Board, I am not sufficiently familiar with the dates of Mr. Lee's record to know whether they fulfil the requirements for transfer, but without hesitation I give as my opinion, that in caliber, scientific knowledge and engineering cast of mind Mr. Lee meets the requirements of the Institute as laid down for full membership.

I have known him for about two years. At the Asheville Convention I saw considerable of him and discust with him several of the technical papers there presented. I have also seen him at other times and discust general engineering and scientific questions.

In addition to the above which might be called my personal contact with him, I have met him in business relations in which

Good opinion W. S. Lee Jr.

I have had particular opportunity to judge of his work in the Catawba Power Co. and the Southern Power Co. of which he is Chief Engineer.

In a case about a year ago in which the Company with which I am connected, were unsuccessful bidders for a very large contract placed thru Mr. Lee by the Southern Power Co., plans for construction and installation were controlled by him and modified from time to time under the severest discussion and criticism and it is principally from my knowledge of his engineering scope and abilities obtained at this time, that I speak. He is the real technical head of that Company and its constructions and operations are the result of his plans and designs.

I also am personally acquainted with Dr. W. Gill Wylie, the President of the Company and its financial backer and have several times been told by him of his exceptional confidence in Mr. Lee's ability as an engineer, a confidence that has sprung from the successes in the past Mr. Lee has made of ventures in which Dr. Wylie has been interested.

I would conclude by saying that I consider Mr. Lee a strong man personally and technically, and the right kind of tember for full membership.

Yours truly,

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SOUTH-EASTERN TARIFF ASSOCIATION.

ATLANTA, GA.

A. B. ANDREWS, Manager.

April 12, 1907.

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Mr. Ralph W. Pope, Secretary,
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the re-consideration by the Board of Mr. W. S. Lee's application for full membership in the Institute, I beg you to refer to my remarks on the floor at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, and suggest that particular attention be paid by the Board to the question of dates in connection with Mr. Lee's experience. As you will recall, as a member of the Board of Directors, I asked for the papers in this case, and after looking through them thoroughly was unable to discover other reason for action of the Board of Examiners than a certain letter from one of our prominent engineers; the ^{WS}persual of which letter gave a very good reason for the action of the Board. I would call attention to the fact, however, that the time elapsing between the date at which Mr. Lee was connected with the gentleman who wrote the letter and the present time at which he made application for transfer, amounts to something over four years, and many of us have practically made ourselves as electrical engineers, so far as reputation is concerned, within that length of time. I believe if this point

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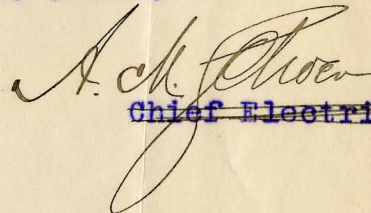
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is called to the attention of the Board of Examiners, they will find that under the Constitution, Mr. Lee is entitled to the transfer.

I would also again bring to your attention the fact that in addition to Mr. Gano, S. Dunn and Mr. Paul Lincoln, who spoke stating their knowledge of Mr. Lee's abilities, that Dr. F. A. C. Perrine stated that he would be very glad indeed to have his name brought in as reference for Mr. Lee and Mr. F. C. Bates, of the General Electric Co., who is also well acquainted with Mr. Lee and his work, stated that he would like to have an opportunity to say something in his behalf.

I trust then that in a thorough consideration of this case the Board will see fit, if it is not satisfied that Mr. Lee is entitled to the transfer, to refer further to the gentlemen whose names have been mentioned.

Very truly yours,


Chief Electrician.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS
33 WEST THIRTY-NINTH STREET
NEW YORK



TELEPHONE, 4600 BRYANT
CABLE, CYANDRIC

April 12th, 1907.

William States Lee, Jr.,
William Maver, Jr., Esq.,
Chairman Board of Examiners,
136 Liberty Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Directors March 29th, the case of W. S. Lee, Jr., was once more referred back to the Board of Examiners for further consideration, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. F.A.C. Perrine, W. S. Rugg, Paul M. Lincoln, and Mr. Gano Dunn, for information regarding Mr. Lee, and to transmit the same to the Board of Examiners for their information.

In accordance with the above action, I have written to the gentlemen named, and have received replies from all of them, which I submit herewith for the information of the Board of Examiners.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

GEORGIA RAILWAY AND ELECTRIC CO.

ATLANTA, GA. April 23, 1907.

Mr. Paul Spencer,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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My Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 19th inst to hand and I take pleasure in filling out the blank which you send, but I do not feel that it will do you any good. I think that I have written to you several times in reference to the condition of the Atlanta Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and I am sure that in the interview that I had with Pres. Sheldon and Sec. Pope in New York last January, I made the situation pretty clear to them.

In a nutshell, I may say that the Atlanta Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers is practically dead. We started out under very favorable circumstances and got about forty-five members from all over the South. After meetings had been held for about one year and quite a number of original papers presented, some three or four of the members of the Atlanta Branch, then associates in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, made application for transfer to full membership. These applications, without a single exception I think, were turned down and in the case of at least one of the applicants, whose place of residence is not Atlanta, and whose experience and practice has been very extensive, I feel that the board made a mistake.

On account of the fact that it appeared that it was not likely that any of the associates in and around Atlanta, would ever be allowed to become full members, the interest began to lag; we were unable to get new members as they felt that they would remain associates in the Institute for the remainder of their lives, no matter how much work they did or how well known they became in the South.

As you see from the report, we have not had a meeting here in over a year and I doubt very seriously, if we will ever have another meeting unless the associate members of the Institute in this locality can be convinced that they will be transferred to full membership if they reach a standard that members in other sections of the Country reach when they are transferred. In other words, we realize fully here that we are somewhat out of the "family circle"; the work that we do and the references that we furnish are, of course, necessarily unknown, to a certain extent, to the board of examiners and unless the board of examiners will give the references furnished by us as much consideration as the references furnished by members in other localities, it is always practically impossible for any member in this section to be transferred.

As mentioned above, I talked these facts over fully with Pres. Sheldon and Mr. Pope in January. Mr. A.M.Schoen also has had quite a talk with Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Pope and they have received a letter, I understand from Mr. F.M.Laxton who is also connected with the Atlanta Branch. These interviews and letter no

doubt, make the matter perfectly plain to the executive officers and as I have above mentioned, as the matter now stands, the Atlanta Branch is practically a thing of the past.

I have gone into this matter very fully with you as I wish you as Chairman of the Committee on Local Organizations to know the state of affairs here. You may feel sure that Mr. Schoen and I stand ready to do anything for the Institute that is within our power, but candidly, at present I see no future for the American Insittute in Atlanta as far as the local branch is concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. R. Collier,
Sec'y.

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My dear Mr. Pope:-

I am sending you copy of letter received from Mr. Collier,
Sec'y of the Atlanta Branch. This letter contains information
in reference to the situation at Atlanta; it will be of interest
to you.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of Committee on Local Organizations.

Sends copy Mr. Collier's letter

Reconsider

To the Board of Directors:

By report that it has
In the matter of W. S. Lee, Jr., ⁷ the Board of
Examiners has carefully reconsidered the case of Mr. William
States Lee, Jr., together with the new evidence presented to
it, and upon further consideration of this case, finds itself
still unable to recommend Mr. Lee's transfer from Associate ~~to~~
~~full~~ ^M membership under the Constitution at present existing,
by reason of the fact that ^{it finds no} no adequate evidence has been
^{in the record} presented to show that ^{the} applicant has been in the active
^{of Electrical Engineering} practice of his profession for at least five years. ³

In the opinion of the Board, he will ~~clearly~~ be eligible
under Clause D of the new Constitution when it goes into
effect.