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Baltimore Md Sept 11th 1897.

Hon H. Clay Evans
Com of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to return the papers in
the above indicated claim for pension
with the following report.

The case was returned to the P.E.O. to determine
more specifically "The probable cause
of blindness" see slip of review dated Aug
9th 1897.

Notwithstanding the persistent denials
of the Ct. I believe the fact is plain that
the loss of his right eye was due to the
injury resulting from the breaking of a
trap striking him in the eye and sever-
ly wounding the same.

It is plain that when his declaration
was written he did not intend to claim
for any special eye trouble.

His witnesses are all rather intelligent
and of the better class of negroes, and
have been well coached by the Ct

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