



**MR. EMMETT J. SCOTT.**

Mr. Emmett J. Scott occupies a most unique place in the history of this country. He is one of the foremost men of the nation and one of the great leaders of the Negro Race in this country. He has been in the public's eye for over twenty years, and by a peculiar combination of genius and common sense, supplemented by intellectual training, travel and contact, has won for himself fame and renown. He is, perhaps, the best known man in the country today, and has the confidence of his own as well as of the other race. He has held many prominent places upon influential committees, and has been upon many confidential errands for the welfare of his people. Besides being the Secretary of Tuskegee, the now famous institution founded by the late Booker T. Washington, he is also Secretary of the Negro National Business League, one of the most influential groups of colored people in the country. He was the only colored member of the American Commission sent by President Taft to the Republic of Liberia for the purpose of investigating conditions in that Republic. The Commission was escorted by a squadron of war ships. Their report opened a new day for the Liberian Republic, which would have brought forth abundant fruits but for the present war, which has paralyzed Liberian commerce and depleted her treasury. Last year, Mr. Scott was signally honored by the Honorable Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, who called him to be his special assistant in the War Department. This position placed upon the shoulders of Mr. Scott the responsibility of representing the colored people in the War Department during the period of the present struggle. The prevailing sentiment among all classes of the people is that a better and a more suitable man could not have been found for the place.