

BOULWARE

(Lights up again on Boulware and Pearson, shaking hands again.)

It's been three and a half months now, Mr. Pearson. There's been no response on the request for transportation for your children to their school. I need you to really think about this before I proceed.

PEARSON

Why's that?

BOULWARE

To go any further, I'm going to need to identify you. That you're the person who came to me about this matter. First of all, I'd like to assure you that I know my business. Trained for it at Howard University. I successfully argued some cases for black teachers a few years back who were seeking the same pay as their white counterparts. Didn't break any legal ground because the U.S. Supreme Court had already ruled on the issue, but you have to understand that here in South Carolina, nothing is automatic when it comes to issues separating the races. I had to sue for those teachers, even though the precedent was firmly established in case law.

PEARSON

I've discussed it with my family, and we figured this was coming. We're prepared to go ahead. You can count on me to do whatever it takes.

(Lights up on audience, who are now to represent the judges. MASTHEAD slide showing date.)

BOULWARE

(to audience) This gentleman's children are suffering irreparable damage. I ask you, the court, to issue a permanent injunction forever restraining and enjoining the school district from making a distinction on account of race or color in providing free bus service for white schoolchildren while denying it to Negroes.

You will note on my petition to the court that I am joined by my good friend Thurgood Marshall from the NAACP--that's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People--in this matter. His signature appears below mine in the petition. Now, Mr. Pearson, here, whose children are suffering...