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Editorials

Are we free? Ask the cotton grower and buyer

We old cotton farmers are a gang of free people.

We chase cotton in a losing race to the gin, to the mill, all day long. We may be free to make our own decisions about what to do with our cotton, but we are not free from the control of others who make those decisions for us.

The best and worst man made structure which lies on the shoulders of the cotton grower is the gin. Cotton is a staple crop, and the gin is the center where the staple is bought and sold. The gin is the place where the cotton grower can sell his cotton, and the place where the buyer can buy cotton. The gin is the place where the cotton grower can lose money, and the place where the buyer can make money. The gin is the place where the cotton grower can be controlled, and the place where the buyer can control.

We are free, but we are not free. We are free to make our own decisions about what to do with our cotton, but we are not free from the control of others who make those decisions for us. We are free, but we are not free.