

# HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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SELMA COTTON MILL  
(Phillies Cigar Company)  
218 Morgan Ave.  
Selma  
Dallas County  
Alabama

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