“If it can be said that there are many Souths, the fact remains that there is also one South.”
--Wilbur J. Cash

“I began to notice, after several of these panels, that someone in the audience almost always raised a question about the psyches of southern writers—why we write the way that we do. It seemed to me that just as often, someone on the panel would answer that question by saying something like, ‘We southerners write the way that we do because, after all, we lost the war.’ Each time I’ve heard this I’ve had to say, ‘My South didn’t lose the war.’”
--U.S. Poet Laureate and Mississippian Natasha Trethewey

“I would dearly love to never hear the New South mentioned again. In fact my definition of a new South would be a South in which it never occurred to anybody to mention the new South.”
--Mississippi writer Walker Percy

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