

**Today in Georgia History**  
**November 9, 1886**  
**John Brown Gordon**

**Vocabulary**

Staunch                      Proponent                      “New South”                      Creed                      Cult  
Lost Cause

**Glossary**

Staunch: adjective; showing loyalty, dependability, and enthusiasm

Proponent: noun; somebody who advocates something

New South: noun, The term “New South” was popularized by influential Georgians such as Joseph E. Brown, Alfred H. Colquitt, and John B. Gordon. To these three influential Georgians, also known as the Bourbon Triumvirate, along with other important men like Henry Grady the “New South” meant a Georgia with a modernized economy based on Northern manufacturing investment and diversified agriculture. But for these men, the New South did not include a new social structure, new rights for African-Americans, or new political parties.

Creed: noun; set of principles, any set of beliefs or principles

Cult: noun; an extreme or excessive admiration for a person, philosophy of life, or activity

Lost Cause; noun; The Lost Cause is the name commonly given to an American literary and intellectual movement that sought to reconcile the traditional white society of the U.S. South to the defeat of the Confederate States of America in the American Civil War of 1861–1865.