

Dec. 21, 1935

Mr. Arthur T. Stark,
Muscle Shoals City, Ala.

Dear Mr. Stark:

I have your telegram of the 16th. and also a letter from Speaker Walker of the same date in the interest of your land patent matter.

I took this matter up with the Governor's office again but he steadfastly declined to sign the patent, saying that the State had too often done this to the great loss of the state. No pleading seems adequate to deter the Governor from his viewpoint. It is regrettable but nothing can be done, as I see it.

Speaker Walker has worked on this matter diligently for you and so have I, but the Governor is conscientiously opposed to this procedure.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

Ed E. Reid

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Athens, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Walker:

I enclose copy of a letter I wrote today to Mr. Arthur Stark. I took the matter up again with the Governor's office but Mrs. Andrews says the Governor just refused to sign the patent.

Hubert Baughn spent yesterday here with us. We had a long talk last night over several matters. He also spent an hour or so with the Governor yesterday. Things are looking pretty good I think.

Looks like the Legislature is actually going to be called back in February.

I hope that you, Mrs. Walker and Bob Henry enjoy a happy and pleasant Christmas season.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,
E. E. Reid

P.S. I suppose I will see you at Mr. Edmondson's banquet on the 28th. Hubert will be there, he says.

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