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Hon. R. H. Walker
Athens, Ala.

Dear Mr. Walker;

Your letter of the 28th received and was glad to hear from you. I did not get a copy of your paper with editorial mentioned. I am in agreement with you about the need of north Alabama and the Tenn. Valley being better represented in the state government and in state agencies. Sparks is about the worst we ever had, giving little or no representation to north Alabama. I would like to see the eighth congressional district get a man on the public service commissioner but at this time do not know of a suitable man who is in a position to make the race. I would like nothing better than to see you run and be elected but realize that age and finance might cause you to hesitate to make the race. How about your kinsman, the Mayor of Athens? He seems to have made a fine record in this office. I do not think Greer would be very dependable. I do not think there is any doubt about Roosevelt being nominated by the democrats. Contrary to the views of most people I think that if the war is on with both Germany and Japan he will be defeated by Dewey. If we win a complete victory in Europe several weeks before the election I think he will be hard to defeat. I think if Mrs R would confine her activities to family and social duties at the White House the country would be much better off. I would like to see some other good democrat, preferably a southern one, nominated and elected but there don't appear to be any such animals available. We are all for Hill. I was glad to hear that you were also and that Hill was very strong in your county. Simpson gets his support from the Liberty League or Wilkie Democrats, possibly he voted for Wilkie - I do not know. The democratic committee treated the Wilkie democrats better than they did the Heflin and anti Smith group, permitting the former to run in the primary but not the later. Hope you will be able to find some good man to make the race for public service commissioner.

The Alabama Power Company is selling all their remaining holdings here and rather ironically I have become the purchaser of their office building and some land. When I told a friend that I had contracted to buy and they had signed the contract he said Well you have them hooked have you? I replied that I was not sure who was hooked.

The war news from all fronts is good but as yet there is nothing to indicate a definite decision soon. A few weeks ago the end appeared to be nearer to me than it does now. I hope it will not be prolonged much more. It is a most horrible and terrible situation. When the victory is won I hope that the Baruch's, the Young's and the Dawes' will not have too much voice in making the settlement. Their influence made present situation possible. No commercial consideration should prevent Germany and her allies from being stripped of all power to make war. Hope your health and business is good and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again soon,

Sincerely yours,

Allen J. Roulhac