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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

February 23, 1935.

Senator R. H. Walker,
Athens, Alabama.

Dear Senator Walker:

Your letter of February 21st was received.

I fear there is no chance of getting through a separate bill, to provide for paving the Lee Highway. The chief thing I have in mind, in connection with my resolution, is to keep the matter before the Committee, and to be ready to insist upon completion of this highway, in connection with the general program. I have not thought it wise to ask for a report on the bill from the TVA, or from the Federal Highway Bureau, because I was fearful that the Federal Highway Bureau would report unfavorably. This being true, I wanted to await a definite road program, in order to ascertain whether we would come within it or not.

I am certainly greatly interested in this road, and fully agree that it should be paved. Of course, the decision of Judge Grubb, in connection with the TVA would make it unwise for us to try to get a report from them, at this time. This decision is going to put a "damper" on the whole TVA program, until a decision is reached in the Supreme Court.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

HUGO L. BLACK