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Dear Dad:

You don't know what a kick we got out of your remarkable victory and the clippings which tell about it. My note upon receipt of your wire was so sketchy and hasty that I forgot to ask you to mail us clips, but Mother and Mrs. Phillips sent us several. Of course we'd like to have more as the session progresses. The tributes in the papers were splendid, but not too much of a reward for the years and effort you've put into the fight for clean government and fair dealing. Congratulations again, and you may be sure we're proud of you.

By the way, if you can do so please get that layout that the Age-Herald used on Pg. 1. I'd like to have that or the negative of the picture of you wielding your first gavel. Perhaps the Age-Herald photographer can dig up the negative for you.

Mother wrote us that Hubert had had a couple of fights in your behalf. That's fine---you let Hubert do the fighting and the drinking and you do the brain work and things will be better all around. I would write Hubert a note but I hardly know him. Be sure to thank him for me for his efforts. He's surely a pal. It appears to Mamie and me as though you, Fletcher and Bibb Graves are going to run the state.

I was much surprised and pleased that Mother finally got enthusiastic about your victory. Secretly I think she is very proud and happy about it---at least she wrote us five or six pages in long-hand to tell us the details of her trip. Bob Henry must have been happy, too---and I can imagine the chagrin of your Athens enemies. I shall watch Bob Henry's management of the paperx carefully and make some suggestions from time to time which, whether he likes them or not, will be damn good suggestions, anyway.

We are both fairly well. You know Bass told me I had infected tonsil remnants. Well, I've had several colds and muscular twinges so I shopped around until I found a guy today who will remove them electrically for \$65. The first doc I saw wanted \$250 for the job, but I got next to a fellow who is friendly with the Times crowd and got a better rate. Will take several weeks of once-a-week treatments but the electrical is the better methodx for removing remnants, I gather.

Try to keep well yourself and don't overtax your strength. Remember, you may land in Congress yet. With much love from both of us,

Devotedly,

Bill