

STATE OF ALABAMA
CIRCUIT COURT

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April 22, 1935

Hon. Harry Walker,
Athens, Alabama

My dear Mr. Walker:

When the last legislature, during its various special sessions, was seeking to reduce and reduce the salaries of Circuit judges, I declined to enter into any active effort to resist the action of the legislature. I did so for two reasons; one I had a feeling that probably a Circuit judge ought not to engage in such a course, and another reason that everybody had suffered from the depression, and I felt that it would but just that we should bear our part of the burden.

The government has re-instated all the salaries of its officials and I see that a sub-committee of our recent legislature has been instructed to draw a bill re-instating the salaries of the judges of our Supreme court and the Court of Appeals. If their salaries are to be re-instated, I can see no reason why the salaries of the Circuit judges should not also be re-instated. This sub-committee was instructed to draw a bill allowing Circuit judges \$100.00 per annum for each county in his circuit outside of the one of his residence. The effort of the nation has been persistently pressing for increased wages and for increased prices, and so far as prices are concerned the effort has succeeded. It is costing me infinitely more to live now than it did when my salary was reduced.

I do not care to be put in the light of lobbying, but it is quite evident that if the Circuit judges undertake to stand on their dignity, they will stand without an increase in salary. Evidently our brethren on the Supreme and Appellate courts have not risked any such cause.

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I know that you are a very, very busy official and have many requests, but I feel that there is justice in the cause of the Circuit judges, and I trust that you will find time to give it your earnest consideration.

Your friend,

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