

January 16, 1935.

Hon. Bibb Graves,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Colonel:-

Of course, I want to offer you my congratulations and wish for you a most successful administration.

I would like to have an opportunity to discuss with you and the Hon. Harry Walker, a Re-apportionment and a Modern System of Taxation that will permit you to place homestead exemption at any desired figure, in fact, you can go so far as to exempt from taxes, any home, whether it cost \$100.00 or \$100,000.00. Also, a Model County and City Manager Plan and the Initiative, Referendum and Recall. From what I can gather, the present Re-apportionment Plans are more of a political apportionment. The one I have in mind is absolutely fair and provides for 34 representatives for the 31 counties composing the Senatorial District North of the Black Belt, and 19 for the counties composing Black Belt Senatorial District and 17 for the counties composing the Senatorial District South of the Black Belt. This plan also provides for a Senate with a maximum of 35 and a minimum of 9 Senators and can be put through by legislative enactment.

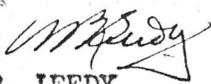
I do not think I am wrong in saying that the sentiment of the voters of Alabama is strongly for a reduction in the size of both Houses and that legislative pay should be considerably increased,

I am sending Representative Hanks of Talladega, copy of a Model State Constitution, with the request that he show it to you and the Hon. Harry Walker.

There are several measures which I think would be of great value to the people as a whole, but I do not want to do anything that might interfere with the Administration's program, which I heartily endorse so far, and my services are at your command if I can be of any assistance in putting it over. I can come to Montgomery at any time you desire.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,


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