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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I sincerely hope that you are continuing to improve as rapidly as your many friends here hope for. I've told them all that you are by no means "done for" but will be up and about and "rarin' to go" when the legislative whistle lets go its blast.

Our good friend Hubert Baughn disappointed me in not being able to get up last week-end. About an hour before train time Monday, he wired me at Cullman that he could'nt make the trip. I came on back to Montgomery without going back to Athens.

I certainly want you to improve to the extent that we can make that trip to North Carolina for a week or so. I'm expecting to drive you up there and be your guardian for the week.

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Things are about to order down here-- no excitement except the woman legislator business. Looks like Captain Clint put another one over on the Marengo Countians. However, I think it is by far the best one, yet-- that is, unless Mrs. S*-----t would like to represent some county.

There seems to be some concern here about your health-- some are afraid you are recovering too satisfactorily. I was somewhat surprised when I informed one higher-up that you are doing fine to receive as a reply, "Hell, I was hoping he was ready to retire from the Legislature." I think he had some ambitions of his own.

When some real news develops here I will contact you either by visit or the mails.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Ed E. Reid
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