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My dear Mr. Speaker:

How are you by now? All reports received here lately indicate you are coming along splendidly, and that makes me feel mighty good.

Sorry you won't be able to attend the legislative opening? Or is it possible you may show up in time to surprise some of the brigands?

First issue of our magazine comes out Nov. 27, four days after the legislature meets, and I'm planning to do a jam up job on the session, with lots of good art. I want an action picture of you, pretty much the "Time" style, and if there is a photographer in Athens how about getting Bob Henry to have him call at your house the first of the week--Monday if at all possible-- and get a good shot of you, probably propped up comfortably in bed. Just have the mug shooter bill us for the cost and rush a glossy print down by first mail. Thanks a thousand times for doing this for me. I'm not willing to let the press turn without a good piece of art on you. We'll also have Robertson, Hayes Tucker, the lady from Marengo and a picture of Bibb sitting at his desk with Pitt Maner whispering in his ear. We'll head the last one: "The general hears from the front."

We have sold a good run of advertising for the first half dozen issues, including several pages in two colors. By packing the news pages with interesting stuff week by week and battling for good government without going off half-cocked or adopting a lopsided attitude, we'll succeed and make good money. We start off just as free as the air we breathe and are going to remain that way.

We will print 10,000 copies of first issue, with a front cover that shows up "Time" and "News-Magazine," and the two circulation men we have on the road already have turned in orders for more than 3000 copies. We'll dispose of 3,500 to 5,000 in Jefferson county, and up to today we have received 1,100 paid annual subscriptions at \$3.50 each. Don't you think that's darned good? Really, I'm pepped up to beat all hollow.

Saw the governor at football game this p.m. He is very confident he will win this time but some how I'm not so certain. He's starting off Nov. 23, which means there may be a recess for Christmas. And if those boys ever recess the administration will be in a helluva fix. It may be any how. I hear there will be some scandal coming out. And frankly, I won't be as sorry as I oughta be. It looks to me like Bibbo is fixing to give the drys the old double-cross, too.

Think about you every day. Am pulling for you to be with us real soon. Please write me.

Yours, HB