

Montgomery, Alabama,  
December 21st, 1935.

Honorable Harry Walker,  
Athens, Alabama.

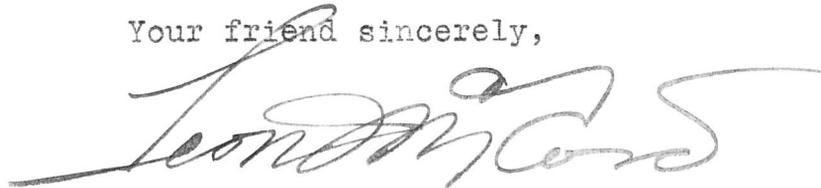
My dear Harry:

Enclosed please find letter from Harllee Branch. It gives our old negro the air. I am sorry we could not save his run. Maybe sometime they will soften up and put him back. However, he is getting old and they may just keep him at home in Nashville. However it may be I want you to know that I have done my best for him.

Here is wishing for you enough memories, good and sweet, will come filtering in to make of the season one that is comforting and good, and may you have health and courage for the New Year which just now looms to the fore.

Your friend sincerely,

Leon McCord.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leon McCord". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Leon McCord.".

Post Office Department

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SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington

December 18, 1935.

Mr. Leon McCord,  
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Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Mr. McCord:

I have your letter of December 13, with a telegram from L. Theo Holt to Hon. Harry Walker, protesting against being transferred from road duty to a Terminal RPO in the Railway Mail Service, for pawning the government revolver entrusted to him.

Section 2312, Postal Laws and Regulations, provides that the loaning, using, pledging, hypothecating, or converting to his own use, by a clerk, of any property coming into his hands as a result of his employment shall be considered embezzlement, and Section 2338, Postal Laws and Regulations, provides a penalty of not more than two hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both, for embezzlement. These provisions are cited to show the seriousness of the offense. Clerk Holt was called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the service, but in lieu of taking such action the Department ordered that he be reduced in grade and transferred to the Terminal RPO at Nashville, where it would not be necessary for him to carry a revolver.

Considering the gravity of the offense, it does not appear that the action taken was excessive and I regret the Department does not feel that it would be justified in reopening the case.

Sincerely yours,

  
HARLEE BRANCH,

Second Assistant  
Postmaster General.