

To Mr. Maerz - ^{full} Sheffield, also 3/4/35

I have had a talk with
Mr. Leonard about the bridge crossing.

I am reliably informed that proposed members
from Landerdale & Colbert Counties are
not at all acceptable to the people generally
& especially to the friends of Graces.
I understand that strong protests have been made
from Landerdale & Colbert on Com members
and also on proposed Sec.

I understand from Leonard that Judge Krance
& other friends of Graces in Landerdale say
that either Turner Rice, Pres. 1st Nat Bank, or
J. H. Meeks would be acceptable to them.
I have heard some friends of Graces in Colbert
suggest H. G. Goldson as the Colbert member.
He is a business man of ability, a Graces man,
honest & reliable. He was formerly with Ten. Valley
Bank as Cashier of Sheffield branch & is
now owner of an auto parts Co. He is the
brother of the Goldson who was editor of
the Horace Wilkerson paper & always has
been close to the Graces faction.
There are two or three good men spoken of who
were original Graces men, for the Sec. any one
of whom would be much more acceptable
to the public than the man who has
been mentioned. It is generally thought

Dear Mr. Maerz - Sheffield, Ala. 3/4/35

I have had a talk with
Mr. Demond about the bridge crossing.

I am reliably informed that proposed members
from Lauderdale & Colbert Counties are
not at all acceptable to the people generally
& especially to the friends of Gr. Graves.
I understand that strong protests have been made
from Lauderdale & Colbert on Com. members
and also on proposed Sec.

I understand from Demond that Judge Koonce
& other friends of Graves in Lauderdale say
that either Turner Rice, Pres. 1st Nat Bank, or
J. H. Meeks would be acceptable to them.
I have heard some friends of Graves in Colbert
suggest H. G. Goldson as the Colbert member.
He is a business man of ability, a Graves man,
honest & reliable. He was formerly with Tenn. Valley
Bank as Cashier of Sheffield branch & is
now owner of an auto parts Co. He is the
brother of the Goldson who was editor of
the Horace Wilkinson paper & always has
been close to the Graves faction.
There are two or three good men spoken of who
were original Graves men, for the Sec. any one
of whom would be much more acceptable
to the public than the man who has
been mentioned. It is generally thought

that Rogers has an ax to grind - It is
said he has property or is interested in
property through which he hopes to
run the Highway leading to the Bude
Hope you can keep the rod men off
& get good men selected for this
Commission -

Yours R. H. Walker
Athens, Ala.

Truly your friend
Allen J. Ambrose