

Sheffield, Alabama, Aug. 22, 1935

Hon. R. H. Walker

Athens, Ala.

Dear Mr. Walker;                      Confidential

I went over to Florence this morning and talked a little politic<sup>s</sup>. I found that some were trying to get Fred Johnson to make the race again. I was told that Tom Rogers had offere<sup>d</sup> to put up money for Johnson to make the race. However I gained the impression tha<sup>t</sup> Johnson was not going to give up his job to make the race and had told some of those wanting him to get in the fight that they would have to put him and do the work. Had a talk with Marsh, who is quite influential in labor circles and is well thought of ~~generall~~ generally. He spoke very favorably of you. He is the father-in-law of Monty Sandlin, who formerly was principal of the Rogersville High School. Sandlin is very active in Legion affairs. He supported Black but also supported Carmicheal. It would be a good idea for you to contact Sandlin at an early date. If Carmicheal does not run Sandlin should be for you. He is going to be principal of the Howell-Graves High School in Muscle Shoals for the coming session.

I talked with Oscar Lewis, who ran for the Senate. He is a great Johnson man. I thought I would speak to him about you but refrained from doing so when I learned how the land lay. He is not for Carmicheal. I was told that a certain group would go to Huntsville soon on political investigation. They are favorable to you but want to find out if Shelby Fletcher is for you and what your prospects are in that section. One of the labor ~~gov~~ <sup>gov</sup> told me you were going to be there on labor day.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

*Alvin J. Richey*