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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Sept. 12, 1933.

Mr. W. M. Walker,  
Athens, Ala.

My dear Mr. Walker:

Your letter of Sept. 10th has just been received.

The reason I wrote your father was because of our strong friendship, and because I simply wanted him to know the facts. Your publication was a very natural one, and I was not writing to complain about it, but simply in order to inform Senator Walker of the facts in connection with the recommendation.

Upon seeing the quotation you give me from the Montgomery Journal, it was the first time I had seen the article.

As I wrote Senator Walker, my original endorsement for State Engineer was for Martin Lide. I did not recommend Mr. Polk for State Engineer; never told anyone I did; and never asserted that my recommendation was made upon the suggestion of Alabama friends.

Long before the 21st, the date of the article to which you referred in the Montgomery Journal, I endorsed Martin Lide, in person and in writing.

In response to numerous letters from friends in Alabama asking that I endorse Mr. Polk for the position of State Engineer, I declined to do so, although I was perfectly willing to give Mr. Polk a letter to any department, with reference to engineers, stating that he was competent as an engineer.

What I wanted to make especially clear is that I never have recommended Mr. Polk for State Engineer; I declined to recommend Mr. Polk for State Engineer; and immediately upon learning that Mr. Lide had not been appointed State Engineer, I came to Washington and protested against the failure to appoint Mr. Lide; and thereafter upon the resignation of Mr. Polk, I again insisted upon the appointment of Mr. Lide.

I have written you fully, not in any spirit of criticism of the article which you published, but because of our friendship, I simply wanted you and your father to know the facts.

Assuring you of my continued regards and good wishes to you and Senator Walker, I am

Sincerely your friend,

  
HUGO L. BLACK

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