

April 2,
1935

Mr. Gilbert White,
Decatur, Alabama.

Dear Gilbert:

I have your letter of March 27, enclosing the bill which you wished introduced, as well as the copy of your letter to Senator Weaver.

As I told you before, I will be glad to do what I can in assisting you in the passage of this bill, as I feel you are entitled to some relief.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. Walker.

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Mr. Harry Walker
Athens, Alabama

Dear Mr. Walker:

Arthur Stewart and I are, of course, greatly interested in the passage of the enclosed bill. Arthur told me that you suggested that I get someone else to introduce the bill and you would help with it. I will certainly appreciate anything you will do in getting this bill through the Legislature. I am also enclosing copy of my letter to Dr. Weaver.

With highest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Gilbert G. White

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March 27, 1935

Dr. L. A. Weaver
Rogersville, Alabama

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I am enclosing bill which I would appreciate your introducing in the Legislature. This bill may not be worded exactly right, but you can make what changes you think proper in event you are kind enough to introduce it for me.

In 1928 I built a filling station, general mercantile store, garage and sandwich shop one and three-fourths miles from Decatur on the Bee Line Highway north of the river in Limestone County. Limestone County has a 3¢ gasoline tax, and Decatur has a 2¢ gasoline tax. The Legislature passed a bill permitting the cities of 5,000 inhabitants to collect license within their police jurisdiction. The City of Decatur requires me to pay at my place of business a 2¢ gasoline tax and license on gasoline pumps, cold drinks, chewing tobacco, pool table, restaurant, automobile repairs, automobile accessories and any other license they see fit to require, notwithstanding that I am in Limestone County. My filling station has the distinction of paying the highest gasoline tax in the world--12¢ per gallon. As you see the overlapping of tax makes it very unjust.

I contested this city license and Judge Horton decided against me and so did the Supreme Court of Alabama and the only cure I have for my complaint is the Legislature.

I have talked with Mr. Harry Walker in regard to this bill and he said he would be glad to help me in any way he could. Knowing that his hands are full, I am asking you to introduce the bill and I am sure that you can count on his assisting you with it. I will certainly appreciate your and Mr. Walker's influence in getting this bill through the Legislature for me.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Cordially,

Leah E. White

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