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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I was elated over the news that Judge Jim Parrish brought back this week from Athens that you are looking better than since your illness. He informs me that you are gradually regaining your strength.

I have been under the weather for the past two weeks undergoing a malaria treatment. I am in fine shape now, however. Have been busy lately.

There's no particular news from this section. I was in Birmingham yesterday. Went by to see Hubert. He had been called to Georgia by the serious illness of his mother. She must undergo an operation, the Post boys advised me.

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Special talk has about died out. The school heads are propounding the Governor with requests for the call, others are fighting equally as strong to ward it off. The longer delay puts you in better shape. Clint Harrison is doing very well since his operation. I went by to see him a couple of times.

Your old friend, Lester Glover, was here this week. Asked about you, as did Statesman Hollis and Statesman Waldrep. Lots of the boys are very much concerned about your health, some with a friendly concern others with not so friendly interest. On the whole the state hopes you will be in the saddle. Your old friend, William Baldwin--the banker-- asked me about you a day or two ago. Says he hears you, Jim Simpson and Jim Parrish may offer for lieutenant-governor, in which event he would support you. Favors Jim Simpson next to you, he says, and Parrish not at all.

I am going to try to get up your way soon.

Your friend,

Ed Reid