



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CHILTON COUNTY:  
PERCY M. PITTS  
CLANTON

October 12, 1934

Senator R. H. Walker  
Athens, Alabama

Dear Mr. Walker:

Beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 11th pertaining to your candidacy for speakership. I feel like that you know my attitude by reason of our personal conversation in the past.

Last Sunday I attended a meeting of the American Legion State Legislative Committee in Birmingham in the office of W. S. Pritchard, the State Commander. The members of this committee being Horace Wilkinson, W. S. Pritchard, Senator Hardy Riddle of Talladega, R. T. (Dick) Rives of Montgomery and myself composed the Committee. After discussing our Legislative program, the subject of speakership arose. I learned that our South Alabama friend, Sparks, had just spent several days in Birmingham and in north Alabama in behalf of his candidacy. The opinion of the crowd was also that Arnold would be a candidate; however, their opinion prevailed among those mentioned that you had the inside track and in all probability, would be our next Speaker.

Do you think it possible that Colonel Tunstall will endeavor to get the water muddy and in his easy shrewd manner be reelected Speaker of the House through the help and assistance of the corporate interest? Personally and confidentially I believe this will be attempted unless the Governor takes a hand in the situation. I was in Mobile sometime ago on a fishing trip with about ten or twelve members of the House and two members of the House told me that the Governor had requested that they not to commit themselves and that they were carrying out his request.

Please consider this letter confidentially, especially as to my conversation in Birmingham Sunday.

Here's hoping you much success and with best wishes.

I am,

Yours very truly,

PMP/mj