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My dear Harry

Back from the Pacific coast filled with the spirit of the "mesh". Looks like our friends of the Public Service Commission are on the carpet, their attitude in reference to T. I. A. is an insult to the people of Alabama. I would like to see Bibb Groves include in his legislative program a recommendation to abolish the Commission, it-should be done and I cannot see how he can escape doing so with the temper of the people as it is and the three daily papers that supported him calling on him for action in this respect. If the Commission

Send The enclosed editorial on to Bibb

is abolished and a new  
Commission created I modestly  
say to you I would like  
to be named as Chairman.  
Of course there may be others  
closer to Groves from a political  
view point although I voted  
for him in the second  
primary but if the appointment  
is to be made from the stand-  
point of principle, no man  
in Alabama has given more  
freely to the cause both in  
energy and cash, than I.  
My last Campaign, spoken of  
by Mayor Taylor of Mobile as one  
of the most remarkable episodes  
in the political history of Alabama  
should convince any fair minded  
person as to my loyalty to a  
cause. Let me know what your  
chances are for speaker and if  
I can be of service command  
me. With kindest regards from  
Mrs. Hawthell and myself I am simply  
Harry T. Hawthell

These creditors have been patient, but their patience has not been rewarded with Mobile's best efforts to refund the debts.

If legislative action is required to restore the debts to good standing, that fact should be made known to the creditors and reliable assurance given that legislative remedy will be asked for.

It is not right nor sensible to let Mobile drift into still more serious trouble.

## **Graves Holds To Pledges**

According to Hubert Baughn in the Birmingham Post, Bibb Graves is carefully planning his legislative program to be submitted to the lawmakers in a pre-session caucus.

These proposals embody the pledges the candidate made during his campaign, and represent a serious purpose to keep faith with the people who elected him.

Foremost among his suggestions will be fullest co-operation with the TVA opportunity to apply the electric yardstick to rates throughout Alabama.

To this end he is said to be studying a measure to alter the existing setup of the public service commission, so as to render it more amenable to its original purpose.

Col. Graves, it is understood, advocates a state police force, a statute authorizing merging of city and county governments to reduce costs and promote efficiency, revision of the state primary law on the lines of the Kentucky statutes, reduction in auto taxes, tax exemption of homesteads up to \$2000, and expansion of Alabama's seaport at Mobile.

Col. Graves promised also a referendum on prohibition and an opportunity for people who lost property for taxes to redeem them on easy terms.

The experience the incoming governor has already gained by four years of office and four years of reflection now stands him in good stead.

It was that experience which moved The Times to support him for the office, a decision this newspaper now more than ever believes justified.

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