



Tri-Cities Central Labor Union

Muscle Shoals and Vicinity



Sheffield, Alabama

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Hon. R. H. Walker, Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Walker:

I received your letter some time ago in regards to the situation in this County, but have not heard further from you and thought it best to write you. Up until the present time I have not received any consideration from this administration. Knowing that you are very close to the Governor I am asking you to do me this favor, as you know that I worked very hard for Col. Graves during his campaign. I was working for him when the Carmichaels, Meeks, Giles and others were blasting him from every angle, and it seems that they have gotten all the appointments when they did nothing to help elect him. I feel that I am entitled to some consideration under this Administration. Of course, the Colonel did not carry this county, I knew when I went out on the firing line that he did not have a chance to carry this county, but I wasn't afraid to go out among the enemies and face the music, and I think I should be repaid since he has been elected. In addition to my hard work for the Colonel the campaign cost me around \$300 of my own personal money, and that is quite a bit more than anyone else did in this county for him. Furthermore, when the campaign was over, at the victory dinner, I got a donation from this county myself personally and contributed to the automobile that was given him.

It seems that the enemies who were so bitterly against him have gotten the consideration from this Administration. Take, for instance, the case of Archie Carmichael, Jr., who was put on as Tax Adjuster in this county. This man certainly wasn't entitled to this position as while we were making this hard fight for the Colonel, Archie, Jr., was in Washington working for his father, and I understand he is still on the congressional payroll, even though he does have this state job. I don't have the money nor the time to go to Montgomery and hang around trying to get something out of the Administration, and I will surely appreciate it if you will make a personal effort to see the Governor and talk with him in regards to my case. I feel that they know what I did during the campaign and don't feel that it is necessary to hang around there and have to beg for a position.

Having not heard you express yourself in regards to the Congressional campaign, I am wondering just what your plans are. I have said to a number of friends in this county and Lauderdale that you are the logical man for the job, that you have shown by your actions and services at Montgomery that you are for the masses of the people. I do not know what your political ambitions are, but I feel that you have an excellent chance to be elected, as I have heard numbers of people say that they felt that you were the man. I am quite sure that Carmichael is a dead issue in this county, and don't believe that if he runs that he would carry this county, as the people are down on him on account of the way he voted on the utilities bill. I have never supported him and my reason is because of his record when he represented the people at Montgomery was very bad as far as labor was concerned. I hope to see you at the Labor Day Celebration in Florence on Labor Day and have a talk with you.

Thanking you in advance for your help and hoping that I will hear from you at an early date, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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