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Hon. Harry Walker,
Speaker of The House,
The State Capitol,
Montgomery, Ala.

My dear "Senator":

It's been about as hard to catch you as it is sometimes to catch me. I have wanted to talk with you since the first of the year, but something always has turned up. On several occasions I have wanted to drop off in Athens, but you were either in Montgomery or I was pressed for time when I was coming or going to Huntsville.

The thing which I had in mind to talk over with you was the bit of legislation regarding the publication of legal notices, which we have discussed so freely and fully on numerous occasions in the past.

When we chatted before on the subject, you promised you would vote for the legislation when it came up in the house and that you would do anything you could to help it through.

I am calling on you for your help and your influence.

Aubrey Dominick of Tuscaloosa has been kind enough to offer to introduce this bill. I have discussed the matter with four or five attorneys and we have decided that the present proposed bill is simple and takes care of any unusual conditions.

As the bill now stands, it would require only that the legal notice itself be printed in the county of publication, thus protecting those weekly papers that use WNU boiler plates. At the last of the bill is a sentence protecting Billy Smith who prints two county weeklies in one plant (one county not having a newspaper printing plant). In other words, the bill is so drawn as to take care of any and all exceptions, except where there is a bona fide newspaper printing plant in a county and this plant is printing a weekly or daily paper.

You are fully aware of the many ramifications to this printing of legal notices and how such a law as this might, in the future, be of material benefit to you. I have talked to several publishers over the state and they all seem to favor such a bill.

I thought since you were speaker of the house that you could put this bill into the hands of some friendly committee and let this committee know it was a bill that you would like to have favorably reported. A copy of the bill is enclosed. Let me hear from you at your convenience.

Cordially,

Huntsville is Alabama

Henry P. Johnston