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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
GROVE HILL, ALABAMA

August 15, 1935.

Hon. Harry A. Walker,  
Speaker of the House,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Walker:

Just before the mid-session adjournment I drafted a bill to authorize guardians to lease the lands of their wards for oil and gas and other minerals. This bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Wallace and in the Senate by Sen. Glover. Sen. Glover advises that the bill has now passed in the Senate and I presume the Senate bill is on the House calendar. This is a very important piece of legislation and has had the hearty approval of every Legislator to whom the bill has been explained. As you know, it is thought that there are oil and gas deposits of value in Alabama and there has been a great deal of prospecting in past years for the same. However, development in many instances has been retarded, if not prevented, due to the fact that we have no modern leasing law for guardians and where minor heir property is involved it is virtually impossible to get a commercial oil and gas lease on the land. This bill is for the purpose of remedying the defect. I will be glad to have you advise how either the House bill or the Senate bill, they being companion bills, stand on the House docket and what the prospects of getting action in the House on this bill are.

We have two different companies in this County at this time taking leases and are going to need this law in order to procure leases on minor heir property.

I have thought perhaps you might be personally interested in this matter as it is my understanding that you are interested in a tract of land in our County, a tract which we know as the Grisham, Walker & Glaze tract of land. It is my recollection that our firm has handled one or two title matters in connection with this tract.

With good wishes, I am

CBG/J

Respectfully yours,

C. B. Gillmore