

February 19, 1942.

Senator Tom Connally,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

Enclosed, herewith, you will find a story out of Austin, "General Page Rejects Protest on Osteopath". The Jim Wells County Medical Society protested because of the fact that an Osteopath had been appointed as Commander of a Medical Unit in the 38th Texas Defense Guard Battalion.

I am also enclosing a copy of an editorial which we are carrying in the Star-Telegram, expressing our views regarding an outrageous procedure of this kind. The Medical Profession is the biggest and most powerful trust in the world and while I have every respect for the medical doctors and have many more friends in their profession than I have in the Osteopathic profession, I still give osteopathy credit for the fact that I am here today.

As stated, with all the trying difficulties that confront the people of America today we certainly have no time for partisan controversies between medical and osteopathic doctors. Dr. Phil Russell, of Fort Worth, who is President of the National Osteopathic Association, is going to be in Washington for the purpose of trying to iron out some of these difficulties and injustices which are perpetrated against his profession. I realize you are loaded to the guard with work, at the same time if you will be good enough to talk with Dr. Russell, advise him who he should see and then have your office call up the proper parties and talk with them personally over the 'phone, asking them to try and help Dr. Russell in his problems, I shall appreciate it tremendously.

Assuring you of my thanks and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,