

February 26, 1944.

Senator Tom Connally  
U. S. Senate Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom:

Fort Worth, for many years, has endeavored to prevail on someone to build a cotton and burlap textile bag plant in our city and at last we have an opportunity to add this industry to Fort Worth's list of manufacturers.

Mr. B. T. Erwin, of Fort Worth, is going to Washington, or it may be that he is already there, for the purpose of following up an application which has been filed with the War Production Board by the Erwin Manufacturing Company. The Company is to be a substantial one and has recently been organized by and with a number of our prominent citizens. The Chamber of Commerce and all of us are, naturally, enthusiastic about the establishment of this plant and I hope that you will find it possible that you can go personally with Mr. Erwin to whoever the proper authority may be of the War Production Board so he can present his application as well as his application for priorities for machinery with which to operate this plant.

I realize how tremendously busy you are - hence refrain from bothering you just as little as possible; however, this is an important matter concerning the industrial and business life of Fort Worth and we hope that you will do your very best in assisting Mr. Erwin in any way possible.

We have watched the "fire works" the past few days and certainly hope things will subside and that everybody can go ahead with one purpose in mind: namely, winning the war as soon as possible. We are sending you under separate cover copy of an editorial, "Winning the War Comes First" as well as a Hal Coffman cartoon which I hope you will have a chance to look over.

Senator Barkley should be very much gratified over the spontaneous outburst of commendation from his many friends throughout the country.

Hoping you and Mrs. Connally are both fine  
and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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