

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 30th in which you insisently ask my resignation as regent of West Texas Technological College, to which I hastent to accede.

One charge you bring against me is that certain things in my life as a private citizen amount to the setting of a bad example for the growing youth of Texas, and especially to the young Texans who attend the great young school with which I am connected by the grace of your appointive power. To this charge I plead "Not Guilty."

The other charge is that I offered you an affront on Thanksgiving Day at College Station by cheering for A. & M. and Dan Moody. I did not then, and I do not now understand how this could have possibly be construed as an affront to you. The A. & M. College is certainly an honorable institution deserving the cheers of patriotic Texans for its achievements, both in its class rooms, shops, laboratories, experimental farms and stations, as well as on its athletic field, where it, that day, won the championship of Texas in an honest contest conducted under all the established and recognized rules and laws. I cannot imagine that your residence in Austin or any great love for Texas University made such a partisan of you on that day as to make my cheering for A. & M. an affront to you.

This, of course, leaves as the only alternative cause of the affront my cheering for Dan Moody. And it seems equally as strange that this could be construed as an affront. I, of course, knew that Mr. Moody, as Attorney General, to which he had been elected by the sovereign voters of Texas, had brought several suits against certain companies and individuals about matters connected with the highways of this state. I knew too that you as Governor, and at least two of the members of the State Highway Commission appointed by you had attempted to intervene in one of these suits when it came for trial, and that you and the members of the Highway Commission had been denied the right to intervene in a court presided over by a judge likewise elected by the people and sworn to do his duty. I further had been informed that on the trial of this case the main defendants had come into court, admitted certain of the charges made by Mr. Moody, and confessed judgment. But in all of this I had never heard the charge made that you, as Governor, were liable, nor that you were in any way connected with the matter other than by reason of your appointment of the two Highway Commissioners, who had, upon the termination of the suit, resigned. The situation, as it appeared then and appears now, was that Mr. Moody had done his duty as he saw it, that he had attempted to discharge the duty imposed upon him by law of enforcing the law, and that his action had been approved by an officer of the judicial department of the government of the state. Under such circumstances it would seem that the attitude of the governor toward the attorney general should be that of commendation for a duty well performed; and I had seen no statement from you ~~xxxxxxx~~ indicating a dif



ferent condition of mind.

Having thus entered a general denial to one of your charges and a general demurrer to the other, the question remains of what was the real motive behind your demand for my resignation. This I shall not discuss because I am not interested in it. But I am interested in having this fine opportunity to resign from an appointment which has become more and more onerous with each passing day's developments. I would have resigned some time ago had it not been that I did not like to be called a rat.

Then too, in hastening to hand you my resignation, I am impelled by a fear of what might happen to West Texas Technological College if I should either refuse to resign or be slow in doing so. The recollection of what happened to another of our educational institutions under a previous administration because of differences between a governor and some members of its board of regents makes me hurry to remove myself as the possible impediment to the growth of this young ~~gixxxx~~ educational giant.