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Mr. John Wheeler,
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Dear Jack:

Jimmie North has passed your letter along relative to the Ferguson episode. We have been having quite a lot of fun.

Meanwhile, the back copies of the Star-Telegram are exhausted and I have been able to dig up a couple of copies of the Record-Telegram which I am sending along for your observation. This matter has been brewing for a long time and could have been easily avoided had we have been willing to refrain from publishing the Highway articles which, incidentally, have and will be the means of saving the tax-payers of this State several million dollars.

Governor Ferguson claims that she asked for my resignation on account of the fact that I was intoxicated at the Thanksgiving Football game. Her supposition was due to the fact that she evidently thought anyone that would yell for A. & M. and Dan Moody was either crazy or drunk. I was as sober as a judge and have nothing to apologize for and so stated in my answer. I have not resigned and I am not going to resign.

Meanwhile, I have received hundreds of letters and telegrams from all over the State insisting that I fight it out and set steady in the boat. This I had already made up my mind to do, but the complimentary way in which the public seems to have accepted the affair is naturally gratifying. We have a very rotten situation in Austin and the people are becoming more "riled up" over it each day. If you want to read some good spicy stories and editorials, I think you will find them both in the Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram.

I might be like the poker player, who said he had lost \$10,000.00 playing poker but no sucker had ever bluffed him.

The statement given out by Governor Ferguson was libelous per se, meanwhile to show our good faith and sportsmanship, we published in in full verbatim and authorized the other papers to go ahead and to so, releasing them from the libel aspect. We are taking our time and not getting mad. We have enough good material for editorials for an indefinite period. The whole situation is amusing although it is rather serious and to say the least disgraceful that the State of Texas should have to tolerate this kind of graft.

Sincerely,

AGC.KM