

J. E. Ferguson Boosts Rogers for President

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AUSTIN, Feb. 6.—A serious effort to boom Will Rogers, the cowboy humorist, for the United States presidency was launched here Friday by former Governor James E. Ferguson.

"The proposition," Ferguson declared, "is no more unreasonable than was the election of the horse-racing Andrew Jackson or the rail-splitting Abraham Lincoln, two of the greatest, if not the greatest, Presidents we ever had."

The Rogers-for-President campaign was projected with an editorial in the Ferguson Forum, the ex-Governor's newspaper, captioned, "Let's Start Something."

"Some smart Alec saphead," Ferguson stated, "will say that the people

will never elect a humorist President. In reply, let me say that if there ever was a time when the American people needed the tonic of humor to pep them up and bear the troubles that now afflict them, it is right now.

"It takes real brains to know how to tell us about our troubles and make us at least feel pleasant about it.

"The famous comedian is qualified for President because he is the best informed, not only on national questions but on world affairs, of any man in the world today. He is the Ben Franklin of this age. He has the courage of Andrew Jackson and the wit of Lincoln.

"Yes, sir; I'm serious about it. His

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election would bring more good feeling between our country and other nations than any other man could ever bring."

"We are all messed up here in Texas already about who we will support for president next year," Ferguson said. "We don't know where we are. Let Will Rogers announce and Amon Carter will call a meeting of Will Rogers' friends and I will bet a dollar bill that you will see me, Dan and Ross right there pushing the Rogers wagon along."

Humorist Shakes \$2,000