

August 5, 1932.

Mr. Will Rogers,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Will:

Your telegram received, extending me an invitation to spend a couple of weeks with you and bring someone along for good measure. Frankly, nothing would please me better than to be able to take advantage of your generous invitation, meanwhile we are in the midst of a tough political campaign in trying to keep the Fergusons from going back into office. The pride and ambition I have for Texas would not permit me to desert the cause at this time.

It is going to be a tough fight notwithstanding that Sterling has made the best Governor we have had for forty years, having gone in office with an eleven million dollar deficit staring him in the face. At the end of the biennial he will have this reduced to approximately \$350,000.00. No one can point even a finger of suspicion against any state department as to graft or mismanagement. Still, it is one of those years when the "outs" are in favor of putting the "ins" out.

Ma Ferguson had 100,000 lead in the first primary. If they should win it will make Texas the laughing stock of the nation and personally, I think, it would lose Roosevelt and Garner several million votes as it will naturally be a reflection, not only on the integrity of the citizens of Texas but on our intelligence as well. I have never made political speeches before in my life and I may never make any more, however I am going to leave here in the morning at six o'clock and go up to Montague, my old home town and county, and try and do a little work for Mr. Sterling. I flew to Lubbock recently and made a speech. I also made one in Wichita Falls, Waco, Bowie and two in Fort Worth. Asssoon as this campaign is over - win, lose or draw - I am going to accept your invitation.

By the way, I wired you a few days ago about Dr. Walker's young daughter, who made an effort to call on you and was turned down by the gateman.

I asked her to try it again and hope she was more successful. She is fourteen years old and was anxious to see one of the movie studios.

The governor's race is the most serious matter that has ever confronted Texas and I don't know whether you could do it or not, but if there is an occasion in which you could work in something beneficial to Mr. Sterling it would be greatly appreciated. He went in office as a multi-millionaire and is coming out broke, meanwhile he has had an honest and efficient term. As compared to this, the Fergusons went in broke and came out rich. As you will note by the enclosed little slip, they did very well and the Federal Government is coming back asking them to dig up and pay taxes on \$130,000.00 more than they turned in. If you will read the enclosed little pamphlet, it will give you an idea how profitable a \$4,000.00 a year job can be.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

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