

July 3, 1937.

Mr. Morton R. Harrison,  
Hotel Will Rogers,  
Claremore, Okla.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

On my return from Washington, I found your letter of June 29th, as well as a copy of my secretary's reply on June 30th.

I am sure you feel that I must be negligent in my correspondence and I think this is a justifiable assumption; but, frankly, I have been so far behind with my work there is no chance to catch up. The new things that come in every day are more than I can do. Just as an evidence of some of the things confronting me - I am drilling, at the present time, about seventeen oil wells in West Texas, working on raising funds for the Frontier Fiesta and have guests in the city almost every day. Meanwhile, I am thoroughly in sympathy with everything you are trying to do and realize you have had an unusual amount of discouragement.

I note in your letter of May 14th, comment regarding your trip to New York for the purpose of securing \$23,379.33 which you sent in. I see no reason why the Board should not be willing to allocate this money to Oklahoma, where it was raised, especially due to the fact that you are appropriating \$200,000.00 of State money for the purpose of making some definite improvement commemorating the life of sweet old Will Rogers. If they should decide to hold a meeting, I shall be glad to vote for the return of this money to your committee.

In your letter of the 14th, you ask me for an affidavit to the effect that Oklahoma has as its share \$1,760.61, being fifty percent of the Texas - Oklahoma football game, on deposit in the First National Bank of Fort Worth and that such a fund is available to the Will Rogers Memorial committee. In reply will state that money was sent to Governor A. W. Marland under date of March 9, 1937 as per enclosed copy of letter.

As for discussing the matter with you in person, I shall be glad to see you any time you come to Fort Worth, however I am in doubt as to what benefit I could be to you, other than to be in sympathy with what you are trying to do. Incidentally, Texas has raised approximately \$75,000.00 which is on deposit in the First National Bank with the exception of certain subscriptions sent in direct to Jesse Jones as Treasurer. The balance of it is intact - in fact, there has never been a check issued against the account as I have paid all the personal expense in connection with the matter myself. However, we do have a law suit with the Arlington Downs in an effort to have them turn in the full proceeds of the benefit Race Meet we held, claiming they had no right to pay the State \$3800,00, its share of the par mutuel returns, on the basis that I held the Race Meet personally and that if any taxes were due, I was accountable to the State and not Arlington Downs. So, we still have about \$17,000.00 coming from Arlington Downs which I hope to get settled up at an early date, if I can ever light long enough to have the law suit. This "in a nut shell" about covers the Texas situation.

It has been my idea right along that Mrs. Rogers and her family should have the final say on how this money should be spent. While, I realize she would hesitate to make any suggestions I still feel that they know better what would have pleased Will than anyone else and I am willing to follow their suggestions at any time.

Trusting you will be successful in carrying out your program and with apologies for the delay in acknowledging your letters, I remain,

Yours very truly,

AGC.KD