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On April 20th, 1936, I took an Unassembled Civil Service Examination for Senior Agricultural Engineer in research. On July 27th I received a notice from the Commission, stating that I had passed successfully.

Not being familiar with civil service matters, I submitted my notice of eligibility to a man who has long been connected with the Civil Service. He at once called my attention to the fact that I had not been ranked. It seems that in ordinary Civil Service examinations the successful competitors are notified of their relative standing, or rank, and when a position is to be filled the three men with the highest rank are certified, and the position is filled by selecting one of these three men.

My informant tells me that this lack of ranking means that a selection can be made from the entire list. He further advised that under such conditions it would be very desirable to have the Senators from this state put in a good word for me to the proper Bureau or Department.

As most of the country's research men live in the North and East, it is probable that I am the only eligible from this state, and if this state is to secure its proper representation it will require some work by our Senators.

I want this appointment very much. I am thoroughly competent. In addition to being a graduate engineer of many years experience, sixteen of which have been spent in Wichita Falls and vicinity, I have only recently completed two and a half years of successful chemical research. Not many engineers can qualify as both engineer and chemist.

Being advised that Senators Sheppard and Connally can be of material assistance, it is my intention to wire these gentlemen in the near future, asking for an interview, and then to go and see them personally, placing my case before them. First, however, I am asking certain prominent citizens here, who have known me for years, to write them about me, so that I may receive proper consideration.

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