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My interest in the present Governor's race is second only to my interest in aviation generally, and the development of Fort Worth as an air center and the interests of the aviation companies and employees located here in particular. Right now, I am just as enthusiastic for the one as I always have been for the other, and the biggest job in which I am interested is the election of Clint Small as Governor.

My interest is sincerely dictated by what I know of the man, the things he stands for, and my pride and interest in the welfare of my native State. There is nothing Clint Small or any other Governor can do for or against me or the institution with which I am connected that would not react to the benefit or detriment of every other business institution in Texas and the welfare of Texas people as a whole. Our institution wants nothing of any Governor and no officer or employee connected with it would accept, much less ask, any favor at a Governor's hands.

I was first impressed with Senator Small some four years ago, because of his frankness and sincerity, and the sound, constructive platform on which he offered for Governor. It was such a relief from the past campaigns of wild promises, bitter personalities, disgraceful mudslinging and downright bunk that it was a novelty. Comparatively unknown and from the extreme northwest section of Texas, Senator Small ran a surprising race, came within 30,000 votes of making the runoff, and would have been elected, had not Harris County had its own candidate in the person of Governor Sterling.

Since that time he has become better known. He has served four more years in the State Senate and his service has so stood out that he is credited with responsibility for the passage of more constructive and the defeat of more destructive bills than any other member.

There was but one stumbling block in the

early stages of his campaign: the fear that he could not make the runoff because of the very high type of his campaign and the soundness of his program. There was doubt that the mass of voters, swayed for so long by wild promises, ballyhoo and personalities, could be induced to return to a program so sound and rational. But that fear has been and is being rapidly dispelled. Senator Small is making rapid strides in sections where four years ago he attracted no attention and received a negligible vote. He is ranked second in Harris and Jefferson Counties, where there are large votes; first in Mueces County; second in Gregg, Panola and Angelina Counties, in East Texas. San Antonio is expected to give him 10,000 votes, and if West Texas stands behind him as it did four years ago, and as I am confident it will, there is no question of his making the runoff. But every vote is needed. That is why I am taking the liberty of appealing to you; and if I can induce you to vote for Small I shall feel I will have done my State a real service and that you, by your vote, will likewise have contributed to this end and made possible Texas having a Governor of whom every Texan can be proud.

Senator Small, in addition to six years in the Senate, has served as mayor of his home town, and has been city attorney, county attorney, county judge and district judge of his home county and district.

I sincerely trust that we may have your individual support of Senator Small and that at every opportunity you will further his interest. I can assure you that you will make no mistake in doing so and that I shall appreciate it as a personal favor.

Sincerely Yours,