

Washington, D.C.,
March 31, 1933.

Mr. L. B. Manning,
Chairman of the Board,
American Airways, Inc.,
Municipal Airport,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Manning:

Now, that the new set up is thoroughly organized, I feel I must follow a plan I have held in abeyance for a long time. As stated to you previously, this is the first directorship I have ever accepted of any kind outside of purely civic or semi-civic institutions. As a matter of fact, I had intended resigning some time ago meanwhile the fight over the control and management developed and they asked all the directors to resign. This, I flatly declined to do.

Now, that things have been adjusted, I am asking you to accept my resignation as a Director, to be acted on at your first regular meeting, assuring you at the same time this action is taken purely as a matter of principle, feeling a newspaper publisher should be identified with as few outside businesses as possible and that it is better to be left entirely free from any semblance of influence in connection with matters which the paper must discuss editorially, from time to time.

As for aviation and air mail, I have always believed in this modern development and have generously advocated its support and continuance. I feel it means much to the progress of this country as a whole and especially to Texas with our ideal flying country and weather.

I am awaiting your reply regarding the plans and construction of the new hangar in Fort Worth, also the details of the Kelly Bill, which, in my estimation, would seriously cripple if not actually kill all aviation and airmail activities in Texas. Incidentally, Fort Worth has invested approximately one million dollars in a most modern municipal airport, which the tax payers are supporting, and to cripple this industry would be a real hardship on our community. Therefore, we are alwysd interested in everything pertaining to the constructive development of aviation and air mail.

Trusting you will act on my resignation and awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours very truly,