

December 1, 1925.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor:

The charges contained in your letter published in the press of the State, asking for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, are malicious and without justification.

The extreme conscientious sense of duty, which you so gallantly refer to with so much regret, is nothing more than a smoke screen to divert the mind of the public from the real issues. My appointment was made by Governor Neff for four years, two of which I have yet to serve. I fully appreciate the responsibility and dignity of trust of this kind. The Texas Technological College has started out as a real institution, capably managed throughout, and as chairman of its Board of Directors, I could not countenance any confusion of side line issues interfering with its growth and development.

I recall, as many others do, Governor Jim's past activities with respect to our educational institutions, especially the Texas University, and with the consequences of his actions in mind and their effect on the growth and development of these institutions, I seriously question the wisdom of your counsel, which, from your statement, is doubtless influenced by Governor Jim.

Administrations may come and go, but these great institutions will go on forever, and I feel the responsibilities of those administering them should go directly to the people served by them and not to the particular administration which happens to be in power. If

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there is one point on which the people of Texas are in accord, it is that our educational institutions should be divorced from politics. Under the circumstances, I am compelled to decline to accede to your request for my resignation. Meanwhile, if the Board of Directors, or the management of the Texas Technological College, or the people of Texas should feel that this institution would be benefited by my resignation, I would gladly resign.

Respectfully,

AGC.KM