

F.D. Mr. Casamar will be the next director of the League. I must tell me that Mr. Casamar told him that the people with the League were the best men for the Presidency as the only ones who would be able to handle the situation even if they were together. Draw your own conclusions, my friend, from my own opinion, but let me say this: You, my friend, have done everything in your power to satisfy the disturbing element and you have failed because it is impossible to satisfy them. It is useless for anyone else to try.

1225 Alamo National Bldg.

Dear Friend

April 5, 1933.

Hon. J. T. Canales,
Brownsville, Texas.

Dear Friend:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th instant, the contents of which I have noted very carefully.

With reference to visiting the Poteet Council, I have already done so, my friend, and I believe I so informed you. They impressed me as being fine people. I may have time to visit the other Councils you mention.

Now with reference to the Presidency General of our League. I have written to the Rio Grande City Council inquiring if they can furnish a candidate for this important office. If they reply in the negative, I believe we shall have to concentrate upon Mr. Pablo G. Gonzalez, for President General; Mr. Gregorio R. Salinas, for Secretary General and Mr. George D. Vann for Treasurer General. They will make an excellent team because they are not only intelligent and active but have a good personality and will, I believe, reflect credit upon our Organization. Mr. Machado can, as you say, be given the post of Inspector General or the Vice-Presidency. If I felt that Mr. Machado were exactly the man for the place, I would be for him. Yet, should the race narrow down to J. C. Solis and Mr. Machado, I'll vote and support the latter. I have made my decision on this particular contingency. Other things being equal, I am strongly in favor of observing seniority rights, but it so happens that presidential timber is scarce in our League and, in justice to our Organization, we must necessarily endeavor to put the right man in the right place regardless of whether this particular man has been in the League since its founding or has joined it only recently. As regards loyalty, you can depend upon Mr. P. G. Gonzalez. He is a very close friend of your nephew Mexiquio, and I have known him since he was a child. As to his experience in this work, he will, if our plan goes thru, have as his right hand man Mr. Gregorio R. Salinas, a man who is thoroughly familiar with our Organization and who would have already done excellent work in it had the disturbing element of the old San Antonio Council not caused him to leave in 1928. Salinas when the immigration was at its height. Salinas is intelligent, active, experienced in League work, and just as solid as a rock.

As regards my being undependable in that I leave the country often, you are perfectly correct about that my friend. Let me assure you, however, that it is with deep regret that I leave, and that were it not absolutely necessary for me to make such trips occasionally, I would remain here forever. Also, if I were

financially able to devote all of my time to the work of our Organization, I would gladly do so, for I firmly believe that it is the greatest agency in existence for the development and progress of the Latin American in this country.

With reference to Dr. Manuel's trip to Del Rio, I'll let you know a little later. In the meantime, let me hear from you again soon.

Sincerely your friend,

Hon. J. T. Canales,
Brownsville, Texas.

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