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Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Pres.,
National American Woman Suffrage Assn.,
171 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Catt:

I have the honor to report that the Senate of Texas, sitting as a High Court of Impeachment, found James E. Ferguson guilty on ten of the twenty-one charges preferred against him by the House and pronounced sentence of impeachment upon him at noon yesterday, September 24th; and that I am today back in Suffrage Headquarters at Galveston prepared to put in a "record" two months' work before Congress meets in December. And that there are more Suffragists in Texas today than there were before in the history of the state; it has been full six weeks since I have found any man with the temerity to look us in the eye and say he opposed women's voting in the face of the outrageous condition that has been proven to prevail in our state government. There is to be a full and thorough investigation of the whole machinery at the state capitol and new methods installed by experts. There will be a called session of the legislature, probably in January, to consider the impeachment of ~~each~~ state officials as have been found guilty of official misconduct, in case they have not resigned, and to prosecute them if that is considered desirable upon report of the joint investigating committee which is to be appointed and left to work.

The present special session expires on the twenty-ninth so there was no time for our bill, but I had a conference with our present Governor, W. P. Hobby, who is a Suffragist, as is also his wife, (a very charming woman,) and while he did not commit himself, at the same time he did not discourage me from hoping that the Primary Suffrage Bill would be submitted to the Legislature then. It may be the ratification of the Federal Amendment we would also have to ask for by then. Would not that be wonderful? That brings me to your letter of the twenty-first, just to hand. Evidently the New York files have an old list of Texas Congressmen. I am submitting to you a new one herewith. We have sent this to Washington some time ago, but would be glad to supply any departments that need it.