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Dear Mrs C,

Had, with Mrs Guilford Dudley another short talk with Sen Sheppard yesterday aft. Please dont tell anyone it was Sen Sheppard, for every senator who is friendly to us says we must be exceedingly cautious about using their names and if we are not, they wont be able to help us — that brother senators. ~~consider certain~~ methods are very sensitive and it is better that suffragists originate their methods of influence.

There are about 10 Senators who are considered possible. If we had sit now, we could get the vote put on the calendar. We can get vote

in two or three days after it is put
on calendar. We must have a few in
excess on account of absences ^{all sickness & deaths}
on our side.

Wadsworth et al are doing all possible
to bring on vote at once but because
we now have majority - but not $\frac{2}{3}$
^{they} can't do it.

We are to get Culberson - & I shall
do what I can here to assist with J. Sharp
Williams if I stay. He & Ollie James ^{considered possibilities}

If we can get the men to go to the
President, he will give his point of
view, which is that ~~this session~~ it is
advisable ^{now} to pass the fed amend.

We can't ask Pres. to send for them -
for they all think they are as big as
the President - could do his work
better than he - all have presidential
aspirations - and they resent his dicta-
tion.

Sen S. told me that he had a
casual conversation with Culberson
(I have called repeatedly at his office & at Captor
but he is hard to see)

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Sen S. said he said to Culberson "Well I estimate 225000 Texas women are asking you to vote for fed amend and all these women are to be reckoned with". He said C. pricked up his ears & began to take notice - Heretofore women as a power have not entered his scheme of government. Mrs Allen of Kansas and I had talked with Culberson's secretary (who is a clean lovable youth - Christian Scientist - from Marshall Tex & who adores his chief, along that very line.)

Shep. said ^{further} "All Senators keep on running - If C. is alive, & and he's in better health now, he will run in 1921, and you must convince ^{him} that even now you have real power - which you have! Don't be too good to these men who oppose you

Dont pussy-foot too much with these Representations who have opposed you.

" Work if you can through Mrs Culbertson and Mrs Schleuter - I believe both have a good deal of influence with C. Get old school mates and dear friends in Texas to call on them - write them - urge them to get him ~~to do~~ vote for it. "

" J W Madden at Crockett Tex - if he favors would have some influence with Cult. "

The above ^{all} said by Sen Shep.

I dont know who J. W. Madden is & Sen Shep. was so busy did not get op. to ask him.

I can stay here till vote comes off in Sen Tho' I'm neglecting my bus. & losing oppor. to invest some idle funds by doing so. - Provided vote comes in two or 3 wks - Will stay if you do not know a stronger more rested woman - abler one to put here, since Mrs Dudley of Tenn, Mrs Henning & Mrs Whitesides of Ky have gone it seems more neces. to stay. But I know very well there are abler women capable of stronger bigger output than I if you can get them.

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Who ever stays, suggest the following:—

Get strong letter from the fol organiza-
tions appointing ^{the Congressional worker here as} your local representative
or chairman [^] at Wash as their spokes woman

Letter from Mrs Curtis for (thousands? W.C.T.U.

" " " Hart " " Maccabees

" " " Woodson " " women Bankers

" " " Connerly " 35,000 Tex Fed W. C.

" " " Cunningham " " Tex E. S. A.

" " " Faculty " " Tex Union.

" " " Alumni " " C. I. A.

" " " " " " Tex Union women

" " " " " " and men.

" " " " " " Over hauls factories
Laundresses.

Churches
Large City Clubs like Forum
of Dallas

Women Insurance Agents

" Teachers

" Real Estate

" Lawyers

" Doctors

" Farmers

Allowing for duplication of belonging to more than 1 order assert before Notary Pub that this spokeswoman - or spokes - man represents 2 75 000 or 3 00 000 Texas women who ask a favorable vote,

Then get similar letters from Boards of Commerce Sec & Presidents - mens organizations all over state.

This will give your State Chairman a definite status with basic credentials that command respect. Give her the power to spend from \$25, to \$50, for a dinner or flowers or other

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Social recognition to wives & Congressmen
who voted for us. Also to ask and get
pledged as many men as possible
to speak and work for state ratifi-
cation. Even some who did not vote
for us but claim they are state suf-
fragists may be won over - if not they
can be disarmed by friendships
Other congressional workers plan to do
the same - I could have 14 here at
Headquarters some evening & have
some social lion as honoree well
worth meeting.

I have had sev. offers of newspaper interviews
& could not see - Also numerous invitations
but " " do. Now I can call on some

wives, and friends & perhaps get to a
play - so far no fun - tho it is a great
priv. to eat at a big table with Mrs Glendon
Evans, Mrs Catt ~~Susan~~ ^{Duffy} Anthony,
Grand Wood Park
Dr Shaw. Mary Garrett Hay
Helen Gardner Mrs Dudley etc.

White

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