

June 7, 1919.

Mr. Tom Finty,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Finty;

My mind has run continually upon some way to avoid having an open fight on our participation in the Primaries in this special session. I believe we can win any such fight with a respectable majority, to our credit, but oh I am so tired, and its hard on our friends too, to force them to stand up and be counted so soon after the "slaughter of the innocents" on May 24th.

Because I believe we can win if we have to, I am unwilling to ask you to refrain from having the election law submitted for Amendment at this time. But I have this, I think not unreasonable, request to make; before getting the Governor to submit the whole Law and open the fire on us, make a poll of the House and Senate and see if your Amendment is going to be adopted. If you can pledge the votes to pass it, I'll brace the line for our fight and we will go to it; if on the other hand yours fails to muster sufficient strength to insure success, I am sure that you would be the last person on earth to want to put us in jeopardy needlessly.

May I hear from you at an early date?

Sincerely yours,

President.

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