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Mr Elias Carr

Dear and Bro,

The time
has come when the Farmers Alliance
must, I think, look after men to serve
the interest of the Laborers and pro-
ducers of our country, I do not mean
that such things should be taken
up and discussed in our meetings
too much, but that we ought privately to
speak to each other about such matters
and even to go so far as to try to
bring them about, neither of the two
great political parties satisfy me as regards
any efforts made in the interest of Labor.
but of the two "Goods" in which I think
much "evil abounds" I have always preferred
the Democratic and in this country decidedly

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demands that we should act with no other, but that it should always be controlled by designing men for their aggrandizement I do not believe, that the great party of Jefferson Jackson Benton and others ought to hand down "the greatest good to the greatest number" I do believe and that we ought to do all that we can to bring it about, now my dear sir you know that even now just such men as I have mentioned are beginning their work for the next campaign and we who are idle are just as much to blame for being so as they are for trying to deceive the people, these things we have learned by experience and it is too late after the thing has been done to set up a howl, now while we cannot make such prominent

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in our Alliance meetings we can privately confer with each other and thereby make prominent some of our own men, for instance there is to be nominated during the summer and if we will make prominent one of our men he will stand as good a chance to get it as any other, and since so many Negroes have left the 2nd Cong. district will stand a good chance to be elected, For a representative in the next Congress I know of no better man than yourself. If you will consent to allow your name to be made prominent just in this way and commence now it can be done and in my opinion you will be the nominee, I can get your name before some prominent farmers in Lenoir and other men in other Counties can do the same,

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now sir let us try it; show this letter to
some of your friends and allow them to
start the ball and in this way when
we get the district ~~what~~ waked up we
can manage to get the newspapers hold
of it and all will be right; And in the
next election it will be have the Laborer's
friend and brother instead of Cheatham
his pretended friend, What say you?
Let us have you, Don't say no, would
say more on the subject but this will do
for the present, My kindest regards to John &
Davis, Dr Pitt & Capt Powell, these men I am
ever glad I met, and as for yourself
please accept my kindest regards ~~myself~~
and allow me to subscribe myself your
friend & brother J M Mewboorne