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SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 25, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—I trust that you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you a circular letter. My only excuse is that I wish to call your earnest attention to a matter which your sagacity and prudence have doubtless already caused you to consider. It is this: Nothing is being said against a Railroad Commission. The railroads are not making any open fight. Everybody seems to take it for granted that a Railroad Commission is assured. In the meantime a multitude of candidates for places on the Commission have arisen and are urging members of the Legislature to pledge them their support. You will see at once that under these circumstances we are confronted with two dangers. First, those candidates who find that they will be defeated may turn against the Bill and help to defeat it. (It has been done more than once in our State). Second, in the confusion some Commissioners may be elected who are the tools of the railroads. It seems to me that the only safe course is for the members to refuse to pledge their support to any man until *after the Bill has become a law*. The great organization known as the Farmers' Alliance is very anxious to see a Commission established and equally anxious to see good, wise and just men elected as Commissioners. No Legislator can study a *Commission Bill* and *study a candidate for Commissioner* at the same time. If he tries it he will neglect one or the other. On behalf of the Alliance especially, and of the people generally, let me again ask you to come to the Capitol with your hands untied, and your support unpledged, and to *refuse to commit yourself to a single man until the Bill has become a law*. Then you will find yourself free to consider the claims of all candidates, and to vote for such as in your opinion are most capable and honest.

Yours truly,

E. C. BEDDINGFIELD,

Secretary N. C. F. S. A.

Dear Bro. Carr

I enclose you a copy
of a letter I have sent
to most members of the
Mexi Legislature. I hope
you approve.

Truly
Yours
Chas. King

P. S.

How much paper &
envelopes do you wish
me to send you &
where?

Chas -

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