

Raleigh N. C.,

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Ellis Carr Esq

Old Sparta

Dear Sir -

If not asking too much, would you write a letter to Mr. R. J. Powell Chairman Leg. Com. of James Adkins, at Raleigh - or to Col. Geo. Robinson, to the effect that I possess your confidence & that your favor favors me as my candidate for Speaker, - if you can do so, without embarrassing yourself -

I make this request for the reason that both these gentlemen have expressed themselves as very favorable to me, & a letter from you to them - or either of them - will do me a great deal of good -

I hope I am not doing wrong in asking this, or pressing on your

former kindness & favor - If I am
not doing so, I beg that you do me the
favor.

It may be an individual expression
rather than an official one -

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I wish you would write me in con-
fidence (to Fayetteville) who in your
opinion are the best & safest men to
go on the RR^d Commission, who will
protect Alliance interest -

The bill would be very satisfactory - if the Com-
missioners are the wrong men - My
purpose shall be & is, to give the
Alliance such men as they want
so far as my influence & vote will do so;
Please write me fully; I will have your
letter in strict confidence, or I will let
you do this -

We are here on the RR^d Tax interests -
The Commission & hope to return
home this week -

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If you do not wish to write Col,
Robinson or Mr Powell, will you
allow me to send them, the very
kind & cordial letter you wrote me
last summer?

I would much prefer you write them -
However I will submit to your preference
& preference -

With assurance of high regards,

Yr very respectful

Thomas H. Sullivan
