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Raleigh NC

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Dear Bro. Carr.

Am enjoying a few days of much-needed rest. After my ordeal in Fla. I was greatly exhausted, but am now much improved. I shall go back to Washington next week - about Wednesday & think I shall take Mr. H. M. Ayer with me as Secy. - The more I look at the Ocala farce the more I am disgusted & the more I am convinced that the so-called investigation will damage us ultimately. I returned to W. & promptly removed my office to 344. D. St. where I am "all alone in my glory." Pittenbarger tells me he will stay in W. & do newspaper work. Have had no talk with the "gang" as he calls them only on official business. They all seem "awful friendly." I have much I wish to say to you on many things, but must await the time when I can see you. One thing however - a rail road Commission bill should be prepared & it should be introduced in both Houses the first day & pushed to a final vote inside the first ten days I so said

to Capt Alexander but I do not know that he will attend to it. Your legislative Committee should be instructed on this point. Pardon any apparent officiousness, but I know the game so well that will be played that I feel anxious about it. Again, we are now in such position on the Vance matter that nothing but straight forward business will do. A failure to instruct him now would damage our Cause in this State, infinitely more, than if we had been beaten by him in a square fight. Many, very many, have less confidence in his moral courage since his agreement to stated instructions, & they will revolt, if he is not instructed. The resolutions of instruction should be carefully drawn & they should be adopted in Caucus before the vote is taken for Senator. We are dealing with a wily lot. Think of these matters. How are the Alliances to know that they should instruct their representatives? If three men come here & vote for Vance & then the legislature should fail to instruct him, it will tear the Alliance to pieces & ruin Vance. It is needless to attempt to disguise the fact that he still has strong opposition, even since his letter to you & we must be very careful to see that our demands are carefully guarded at every point. I feel it my duty to apprise you of the distrust & dissatisfaction among the people & many strong friends outside our order, as to his position. Hope to see you before long. Meantime would be glad to hear from you. With the Compliments of the Season. I am fraternally & truly yours
L. L. P.