

Sans Souci, N. C. Jan'y 4th 1891

Elias Carr Esq:

Pres. N. C. S. F. A.

Dear Sir + Bro.

Would it not be a good thing for an organization to look after the appointment of magistrates by the Legislature, in fact, show whose terms are soon to expire?

Almost every County is cursed with what is generally known as "a Court-house ring" who assume the manipulation of County management, & are generally successful in trying to have instructions given delegates & representatives to carry out their own, or the pet schemes of party bosses. In order to relieve the masses from this sort of thievery I think it would be well to make this sort of beginning, & endeavour to have only members of the Alliance appointed J. P.'s, other qualifications being equal. I know some-

As a move to relieve us from the control
of petty political hoppers usually found around
the Court-Houses in almost every County, & to break
up what is known as Court-House rings, & prevent
the placing of special juries in charge of the County
management, & place it in charge of the real tax
payers, Therefore Be it Resolved:

That the Sub. Alliance, ask the Co. ^{Mary Hill} to instruct brother
Wood & Bishop, our representatives in the Legislature,
& through them the assistance of every Alliance
representative from other Counties to have only
members of the Alliance appointed as Jurors, -
other qualifications being equal, to fill the
places of retiring J. P.'s in every instance when
not inexpedient to do so, & that the Sub Alliances
of every Township send up name, or names to be
appointed, & they be appointed regardless of the
recommendation of the political Executive Committee

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thing of this management in our County, Bertie,
having had the honor of serving as a County
Commissioner for the past twelve years, & I judge
many of the Counties of the State are under like
influences. Our Sub. Alliance No 1351. has discussed
the matter, & has passed a resolution asking our
Co. Alliance to adopt it instructing our representatives,
Brother Wood & Bial to carry it out - as to our County.
Please do us favor let us know what you
think of the same. I have not seen, or heard of any
similar action by any other Alliance - whether prudent
or not, as we do not care to go too fast, & prefer
to follow rather than lead.

Truly & Fraturnally
J. C. Freeman
Ex. Pres "Mary Hill" 1351

Enclosed is a copy of our resolution