Margaretville N.C.

Dec 23rd 1890

My dear Elias: Although much better than when you saw me (and predicted that I would not die) and am still improving, I think, rapidly, I cannot expect to be able to resume active management of my farming operations in time for next year's crop. And having no other source of income, friends have advised me to seek the appointment of Railroad Commissioner under the law to be enacted by the legislature, and to that end they are working. I want to inform you of the fact and to ask you for whatever aid you may see fit or are at liberty to give me. In my usual health I would desire no public office, but under existing circumstances this position would be valuable to me. You know that in N.C. he succeeds best who has your support, and in this instance, at least, I crave to be the fortunate one.

Very Truly Your friend

W J Rogers

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