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Dear B.W.-

I've intended writing you ever since I left Tallahassee, but just haven't gotten around to it. I have thought of you lots thought and I miss you and the rest of my friends more than you can realize. Chicago is much nicer to live in than Camp Robinson, Arkansas, especially with Annie and the boys up here with me. The way that the war is going I'm afraid it want be many months before we will all be in some foreign country. I'm rather anxious now to get going and get this mess over with; I've got to help those boys finish this war before the next primaries so I can get back and do some real political fighting. I've been reading the Democrat regularly and trying to keep up the best I can with events there. I don't suppose Arlie has resigned yet, has he? What are the chances of you succeeding him? Have there been any developments?

I hope that Judge Meginnis is making lots of friends and no ehemies and that he is still acceptable to the dear people. I understand that the Court House is completed and that my old offices really look nice. Hope that they will not look nice enough to attract to much competition next time.

I have been recieving the bulletin about the men in service from the Church. I understand that it is one of your brain childs and if so I offer you my congratulations. I know that all of the boys appreciate it— I certainly do look forward to getting it.

I think one of the things that I miss most, is the good food and fellowship of our men's supper club. I have been attending the Hyde Park Methodist Church here. Their pastor is good but he can't touch Rev. Jack and they don't have a supper club nor are they interested in forming one— they say that is small town stuff. Perhaps they are right but I feel that to know ones fellow man and love him is a christian like spirit that should be developed and there is no better way in the world to develop that feeling than to break bread together.

If I am still in Chicago this winter will try to get a few days off and run down to Tallahassee. I want to see if that dog of yours can still run fast in the field. Give my kindest regards to your family and any of my friends you see.

Sincerely,