

114 North Court St.,
Montgomery, Ala.
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Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Chief Justice,
U.S. Supreme Court,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :-

In view of the fact that in Alabama we have Government Agencies who perpetrate unlawful and illegal acts against an individual citizen, thereby interfering with the Constitutional rights of said citizen, by invasion, usurping, confiscation trespassing and what not of the real and personal property of an individual and when these Agents of the Government of the present Administration, and the White House, and President Roosevelt himself, will take no steps to correct or settle for same---said individual has no redress but to file suits against said Government Agencies, and when such is done the cases are put into Federal Court because they are against a Government Agency.

Therefore, what chance would said citizen have, really, of winning their suits and being repaid for the unlawful and illegal acts against a Government Agency IF and SHOULD there be a POLITICAL or unscrupulous Judge in the Federal District Court, one who has the "BIG STICK" hanging over his head (as we know does exist to a great extent in many head offices already) if our lower courts are increased by political appointments at this time?

Frankly, I feel, that the masses, the individual citizen, whom those in favor of the Presidents plan claim this change is FOR the benefit of this small man and small business man, would not have the ghost of a chance to get his rights as now allowed him by the Constitution and out present courts.

As a person to whom the above has happened, and having at this time suits filed in Federal Court against a Government Agency, and having to file several more against this same Agency, as well as another one, to get my just and due, lawful, rights I see from direct experience what is in store for the people by this, in my opinion, pretense, camaflauged plan. What I have, and am now, going through is terrible. I only hope my cases will be over before, and if the change is made. I know as a fact that at the time of the last election some of the Federal Judges not agreeing with Mr. Roosevelt were afraid to even express themselves regarding the election. What would it be in the future?

Another N. R. A. and A. A. A. such as we had before will wreck the SMALL farmer and SMALL business man, and these make up the backbone of the country, keep the money in circulation, the wheels going around as it were. They are really the ones who spend, who HAVE to spend their money.

I know many a small businessman in all parts of the country, as well as the three and five bale farmer feels this way.

And why is it that a small farmer cannot borrow money from a Government Agency such as the Resettlement to finance himself UNLESS he signs up to reduce his cotton acreage, (when he doesnt want to so do) when the Bankhead cotton control act has been declared unconstitutional. Yet such is the case in this state. It is the peoples money, this Government money, and why havent they a right to it to use without such requirements?

It seems to me that the Government Agencies, their Agents, and the New Deal is now already defying and they themselves breaking the Constitution, the peoples rights, the laws of our country, and advocated by the President, Mr. Roosevelt himself. We cannot afford to allow it to continue much less increase, or we are going to have chaos and revolution, which in my humble opinion has already been started.

Based upon my own experiences, and suits, alone, I have changed the opinion of many a man because they had not looked at it as bringing it directly home to them as it has been done to me. They are being utterly and completely fooled, in my opinion, as to the true results in the future.

Would not a true experience such as mine by a small individual from the frank and file, (for it is into this category that I have been relegated because Government Agencies have completely ruined and wrecked me by their unlawful confiscation and acts as I have before stated) before the Senate Committee bring out this entirely different phase of the court changing plan?

I, democrat of a large, influential old family of same, a niece of Senators, (Franklin Elmore, Fitzpatrick et cetera, and even a relative of Chief Justice John Marshall) I feel very strongly and sincerely upon this subject. And my present day experiences with two Government Agencies are unendurable. I would be glad to state my facts and show my evidence in black and white to the Committee for the benefit of the whole, should you so desire. My facts are unbelievable, yet I state them under oath.

I am a cousin to John Mc Duffie, U. S. Federal Judge, appointee of this Administration, recently Whip of the House. I am not at all in accord with our Alabama Representatives in Congress, although I have known them well all my life. Hence they do not at all like me. And I appreciate the compliment.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs. George Bushrod Wragg)