

Thibodaux, La., March, 1912.

Dear Sir:

I beg to submit to your consideration my candidacy for Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, from the Fourth District, subject to the action of a Democratic Primary, and respectfully solicit your suffrage, aid and support.

In making this request, I feel that you are justly entitled to know something about me and my record as a public servant, in order that you may judge of my qualifications for the office, and pass upon my claim to your favor. Accordingly, I offer this brief statement:

I am a native and life-long resident of the Parish of Lafourche; a lifetime Democrat. In early manhood, Deputy Parish Recorder; retained as Deputy Clerk of Court when these two offices were merged. Resigned to accept the position of Justice of the Peace and qualified as a Notary. Admitted to the Bar in 1885 and entered upon the practice of law at Thibodaux. Elected, in 1888, District Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial District, composed of Assumption and Lafourche. In 1890, the district was changed, Lafourche being grouped with Terrebonne. Elected Judge of the new district in 1892. Reelected in 1896, 1900 and 1904, -- twice being nominated and elected without opposition. Served in the Constitutional Convention of 1898; nominated and elected without opposition. In 1907, nominated and elected Judge of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, for six year term, from district composed of Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Lafourche, Pointe Coupee, Terrebonne, St. Mary and West Baton Rouge; no opposition to nomination or election. Serving the people of the Fourth Supreme Court District (St. James excepted) on that bench ever since. Had previously served even years, while District Judge, on the old Court of Appeal.

From this long public service in the application and exposition of the law and the administration of justice, you may judge of the fund of experience and practical training acquired, -- all tending to prepare and fit one for the proper functions of the exalted office which has always been the goal of my life's ambition.

In public office, I have always striven to do my full duty, honestly and conscientiously, to administer justice with strict impartiality, and to reflect honor and credit upon my constituents. That I have measurably succeeded in my constant purpose, I believe, without egotism, I may safely assume, in view of the continued public confidence reposed in me. If elevated to the higher sphere to which I aspire, I shall continue to do my full duty and all in my power to reflect honor and credit on my native State.

I address you, my dear Sir, in your capacity as elector, and respectfully ask you to give my claim your serious consideration and to accord me your active support in the furtherance of my candidacy.

With assurance of my regard and of my high appreciation of whatever aid and support you give me, I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,

