

Speeches of Robert M. La Follette

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Letter La Follette Requesting Information on Wisconsin Primary Election Law and Railroad Rates

George Wallace to Robert M. La Follette, November 1900.

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Room 603,
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

LAW OFFICE OF
GEO. M. WALLACE,
42 CHURCH STREET.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., *Nov 21st 1904*

Gor. Robert M. La Follette,

Dear Sir; Will you kindly let me have a copy of your Primary Election Law if Wisconsin has one; and, if not, will you let me have copy of the latest formulation of the Primary Election idea that you hope to have adopted?

Might I also ask what state has the best law of the kind, if any has, and how it is working.

Thanking you in advance
I am yours Sincerely
Geo. M. Wallace.

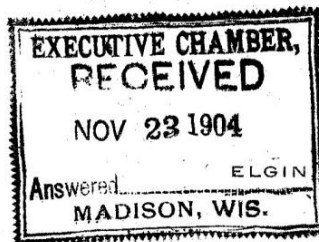
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MADISON, WIS.

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De Goy B. Ellis
City Attorney
Suite 20 U. S. C. A. Bldg.



Hon. R. M. La Follette,
Madison Wisc.

Dear Sir:- I have noticed with considerable interest the fight you have been making with the railroads for just rates. I have been looking up the rates on coal and other freight from Chicago to Elgin and believe we are paying a much higher rate than other cities the same and greater distances from Chicago. I also believe there are several of the large concerns here who have a secret rate which is much less than the regular rate charged.

I desire if possible to get these matters looked into by the proper authorities, and knowing you must have been all over this ground in your State, I take the liberty of asking you to inform me the proper steps to take, and the proper committee or Board to place the matter before, and also the best mode of procedure in so doing.

Thanking you in advance for this favor I am,

DictD. B. E.

Respectfully,

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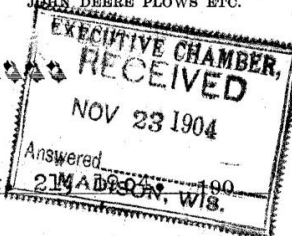
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Hon. Robert La Follette,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-- Having under preparation a primary election ^{bill} ~~law~~ for this state that I am going to introduce in the senate this coming winter, I should be greatly indebted to you if you would furnish me with a copy of your primary law that was ratified by the people of your state at the last election. I wish to congratulate you on your victory.

In a small way in the 5th legislative district of this state I won out for senator on the democratic ticket, on similar issues that you fought for. The two U. S senators putting up a big fight on me .
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This is the strongest republican district in the state and winning out in spite of the land slide, is an indication that the people in this state are also waking up. I am the only democratic senator elected.

I wish to say that I got a great deal of inspiration from you. And in my speeches referred to your fight and in a large measure I owe my success to you. I trust this will not inconvenience you to much.

Yours truly

E. K. Spoonheim

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Interstate Commerce Commission,
Division of Statistics,
Washington.

Nov. 21, 1904.

My dear Governor:

I don't know that I have succeeded in saying what I started out to say; but there are some things which have been going through my mind a long time and which may not be without interest to you. Some of my fundamental ideas regarding ~~railway control~~ were definitely formulated ten years ago after I had completed my first thorough study of the Russian system. What some of these ideas are in so far as they relate to the commission system I have attempted to tell you in the letter.

I need not tell you that even though my conclusions and yours may not agree at every point, that I am in sympathy with the movement for which you stand. At the last election the Meyer family gave you eight votes — all they could cast.

With many good wishes for a most happy and successful administration, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

B. H. Meyer

Governor R. M. La Follette,
Madison, Wis.