

April 30, 1916.

Mrs. Gertrude D. Corbet,
Barnett Building,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Corbet:

Mr. Dean of the Miami Metropolis would like to have an article, not written up in partisen style, giving the facts with regard to perpetual succession in office at Tallahassee for the past 16 years.

I think that you can get your information from the reports of the Secretary of State.

Of the present members of the Cabinet, Mr. West is the only one who, in the first instance, was chosen by the people and who had no opposition. Only one man, so far as I recall, in 20 years, has gotten on the Supreme Bench by election in the first instance.

Three or four of the present Cabinet were merely clerks around the State House.

You will understand that I would like for your article to show the existence of a state house ring of the worst kind.

Mr. Dean will publish such an article and scatter it largely over the State. The sooner the better, if you will be so kind.

I hate to ask you to do this, but such an article, properly broadcast over the State ought to do considerable good in several ways.

#2. Mrs. G.D. Corbet.

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There is a delusion that the People of this State have been choosing their officers at the polls but it is only a delusion.

The Trammell Corrupt Practice Act, by limiting expenditures for publicity, operates to perpetuate the power of the State administration.

I will be very grateful to you.

Yours very truly,

JMC:AC.