

July 14, 1945

Judge A. L. Etheridge  
Fulton Superior Court  
Court House Building

My Dear Judge:

You have probably read in the newspaper about our acquisition of the Bolling Jones and Ivy Street Garage Building, which has six stories and a penthouse of reinforced concrete with elevators and ramps.

I do not know exactly when all the legal entanglements will be cleared up by Mr. Marion Smith, but we hope to be in the building sometime this fall.

I am sure we are indebted to you for promoting much of the urgency of our having a new building in the most favorable correspondence you had with Bill Freeman and Charlie Gowan. We all but lost the fight for this building about six times, and there are several matters concerning the trust funds of the University System of Georgia which are still to be cleared up. I am sure, though, that with the fine cooperation we are receiving from Mr. Marion Smith, all this will be to the continued program now instituted by the Board of Regents. The Board gave a unanimous vote for the purchase of the building, and Mr. Cason Callaway was especially outspoken in his favor of such a plan. He praised our program here considerably.

We really owe Mr. Ed Thrasher, State Auditor, much of the credit, because it was Mr. Thrasher who actually pointed the way on our first visit to him. The plan, as outlined by Mr. Thrasher, also saves any expenditure by the State of Georgia, and thus Ellis Arnall can proceed with paying off the state debts without any interruption of payment to us for the proposed building.

You may be sure I have extolled your part to our faculty and students considerably since your very unsolicited support by correspondence to the Governor's Investigating Committee.

Cordially yours,

GEORGE M. SPARKS,  
Director

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