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thought when I spoke with you in Sept about the machine in Texas.

The Hawley machine is only a thing of a few more months. We are going to get something better next fall when the state convention meets.

I am glad that he purposes to *vindicate me*. I can not walk anywhere without having forced on me by the best white and blacks, congratulations on my "success." It is in vain that I tell them I havent won or that there is serious opposition. It has gotten into peoples' minds that Pres. Roosevelt pays no attention to machine made charges when they are *false* and as they know I have proven the falsity of the charges against me and was *slated* for the place they *insist* that I have won out. God bless you dear friend. My heart goes out in gratitude to you for your *loyalty*. I have lost the collectorship but I have gained whats far better your loyal support on principle.

R L Smith

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[1] Isaiah Benjamin Scott.
[2] Hightower T. Kealing.

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