

May 10, 1923.

Dr. B. L. Wyman,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Birmingham, Ala.

My dear Dr. Wyman:

Governor Brandon has requested me to write to you relative to the employment of the Hon. Hugo Black to assist in the prosecution of those charged with the kidnaping of Dr. J. J. Dowling.

I discussed this matter with some of the Doctors of Birmingham and the Governor a few days ago. There are so many requests for special employment in particular cases that we have been compelled to take the position that the State would not contract indebtedness for this purpose but leave the matter to the local solicitor or send some other solicitor in the State to assist the local solicitor. However, in this case, I am willing to employ Mr. Black who I consider the best man for this work in Jefferson County.

I am to-day writing him so that I can submit the matter to the Governor who has approval of all such employments.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Harwell G. Davis,
Attorney General.

HGD/b