THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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December 16, 1937

Judge C. Guy Cutlip
Seminole, Oklahoma

My dear Judge Cutlip:

I have received your letter of December 11th enclosing request for the assignment of a judge to your court ad interim.

We have been busy in connection with certain other public matters and have not had an opportunity as yet to give this request any consideration. I will take the matter up with Conference of the Court the first of the coming week and will advise you further.

Yours very truly,

Monroe Osborn

Chief Justice

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December 11, 1937

Hon. Chief Justice
Munroe Osburn
Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Chief Justice:

I am today forwarding to you application for to have a District Judge assigned to the Superior Court at Seminole, on account of my extended illness I have been perturbed considerably about my docket. In the past I was scrupulous to keep it up to date, and did so, perhaps as the doctors charge that is the reason why I am not doing so well now. I am gradually recovering, I feel, and the doctor says so, and in the mean time, I think it imperative for proper disposition of justice in that court and in this state, that an assigned Judge be allowed to straighten up the docket and get things ready for me when I feel like it. I know you as a Judge and Officer of the State as well as my friend will accomplish this purpose in some way, especially when the authorities of that court and its inherent power, and coupled with the provisions of the constitution, in my judgment gives complete jurisdiction to the Supreme Court to do this thing.

I am submitting the application and also briefs, which I believe completely authorizes your court in doing what I am asking you, out of simple justice for a court in distress. These briefs and application will be self explanatory and I hope you may find it convenient to hasten this matter, so that the work can be going on over there, and at the same time I will have a great deal of relief in my feelings. The truth about it is, Judge, it would be the best medicine I could take.

You will notice from the number of cases tried and disposed of in the short number of years I have been Judge, that a great deal of work has been accomplished, and I don't want that to go neglected now, so that I will feel like I ought to over work myself when I ought to recuperate slowly.

I would prefer to have Judge W. G. Long, if he feels he has the time, come over and attend to the matter, because he is an experienced judge and a good man, or John Ogdon, if he hasn't too much on hands, assigned or appointed to do the work.

You will notice the constitution uses the word: "Appointed" as well as assigned, and as I recall it has a definite meaning aside from the assignment.

In my judgment it is imperative that this procedure go forward, in order that justice may be furthered in Oklahoma and in that particular court.

I want to thank you in advance for what ever courtesy you may show in the matter, and I am sure that you will do what I am asking because I am sure these authorities and the constitution upholds your hand and the court's hands in doing so.

With best and kindest wishes, I am

Yours respectfully,

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
SEMINOLE COUNTY

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