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## Congressman Thomas L. Blanton Replies to Mr. Albright

TO MY CONSTITUENTS: herefore greatly surprised that in the press. Albright in any of my speeches. I am used "unfair methods" to keep his name off the ballot in 14 counties. This claim is amusingly ridiculous. I can't let it go unchallenged. I haven't kept. his name off. He
simply didn't know how to get it on. He alone is to blame. The statute is so plain a child can easily understand it.
and how to do it. It required him to file with District Chairman Cockrell before midnight of June 2nd a legal 'application embracing his age, his occupation, and his place of residence, and acknowledged before some officer with seal. These things he did not do.
He tries to excuse his negligence by claiming that sickness called him out of the State. The undeniable facts are against him even if an excuse were available, but excuses won't save candidattes, as in nnumerous instances the Attorney Generale, has ruled
that filing the statutory application within the time prescribed is mandatory, and that no Executive Committee has either discretion or power to waive it, and can't place any candidate on the ballot who fails to comply with the law.
On May 30,1924 , on a letter head upon the top of which was
On May 30, 1924, on a letter head upon the top of which was printed "Ernest G.
Albright, Ranger, Texas; Headquarters Box 583 , Abilene, Texas," Mr. Albright wrote Airight, hanger, Texas; Heactquarters Box 583 , Abilene, Texas," Mr. Albright wrote
a long personal letter to each County Chairman in the 19 counties asking them to put his name on the ticket, and asking them to keep his candidacy secret until he himself notified the papers. This letter did not constitute an application under the
law, for it did not state his age, or his occupation, or his legal residence, and it was law, for it did not state his age, or his oceupation, or his legal residence, and it was
not acknowledged before an officer with seal. He could have prepared and executed not acknowediged before an officer with seal. He could have prepared and executed
legal applications in less time than it took him to write these 19 prrsonal letters, and legal applications in less time than it took him to write these 19 prssonal letters, and
the law required him to filk only one legal application with District Chairman Cockrell, which he could have done in one-nineteenth of the time he wasted in writing the 9 letters.
The 19 County Chairmen notified him immediately that his personal letter was not
sufficient, and that he must file a statutory application within terms of the law. His sufficient, and that he must file a statutory application within term
announcement to newspapers all came from Fort Worth June 6th.
And it was June 10th, 8 days too late, before he went before a notary public and
executed a legal application which he filed with the County Chairman on June 12th, executed a legal application which he filied with the County Chairman on June 12 th,
which was 10 days beyond the limit allowed by law, and which under the law, which was 10 days beyond the limit allowed by law, and which under the law, are
void because filed 10 days too late, and void also because not filed with the District Chairman. In every way possible Mr. Albright has tried to get the County Chairmen to
disobey the law and put his name on anyway. In his communieation of June 10th Mr. Albright admitted to the County Chairmen that he had not made his application out in ight form. They very properly refused to disobey the law. - I had to obey the law
get my name on the ticket. Naturally I refused to agree to his request that I to get my name on the ticket. Naturally 1 refused to agree to his request that 1
waive his obeying the law. Why shouldn't Mr. Albright obey the law? All other candidates have filed legal applications as required by law. They knew how. Why didn't he learn how? This is his second candidacy. If. he doesn't know how to get
his name on the ticket, how does he expect the peopie to believe that he will know

## NOT BLANTON BUT ALBRIGHT UNFAIR

Last Saturday afternoon, wholly unauthorized, Mr. Albright wired County Chairmen that 1 had withdrawn legal objection to his name going on the ballot. I had
done nothing of the sort. And two hours after he had sent such unwarranted telegrams he urged my friend, Hon. Robert $W$. Haynie, to get me to withwarraw objectionsHe didn't seem to realize that I have no power to authorize any Executive Committee to disobey the law. Fortunately I learned from County Chairmen of his action in
time to correct it, but he forced me to the expense of sending telegrams to the County time to correct it, but

## HIS CLAIMS UNFOUNDED

Mr. Albright has advertised that he carried two boxes in Eastland County in
22, although he had withdrawn. The official records disprove his claim. The following is the certified yote:
CERTIFIED VOTE FOR CONGRESSMAN in EASTLAND COUNTY TEXAS Hon. Fred Cockrell,

Cairman, Cong. Dem. Ex. Com.
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testimony whereof, witness my hand officially, at Eastland, Texas, this the dern
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Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee of Eastland County, Texas," The law required Chairman Judkins to certify all votes correctly, and if Mr. Al-
bright had received any votes, it would have been an offense for Chairman Judkins not to have certified the same. And the law presumes that Chairman Judkins law-
fully performed his duty when making the above certificate which certifies no votes uilly performed his duty w

ALBRIGHT STRONGLY ENDORSES BLANTON,
from Mr. Albright
"new chamber of commerce.
Hon. Thomas L. Blanton
Dear Friend Blanton:
I wish to extend my congratulations to you on the majority you received in the
primary. I knew that you were going to receive this vote before I withdrew from the race, as I had spent sometime in campaigning over the district, and thowht that I knew the pulse of the people.
I am sorry that Callow
him to continue in the run-off as it was for me to continue in the primary. I want him to continue in the run-off as it was for me to continue in the primary. . want
you to know, Blanton, that although a lot of professional politicians cuss you, yet as a former Secretary in Congress and one who knows the running of that body for several years, I can't help but feel that you are sincere in your convictions, and, as
long as you show the people that you are sincere, they are going to back you in long as you
your efforts.
create me like you. Yet I believe that I would fight as you are fighting for the right principle. I know that you are sincere.
1 want you in 1924 to defeat Morris Sheppard for the Senate. I suppose Neff
and a whole bunch will run, but you can beat them, Blanton, and there is no reason and a whole bunch will run, but you can beat them, Blanton, and there is no reason
for your staying in Congress all your life. I want to go to Congress, and \(I\) am not going to run anymore as long as you are in this district, because I know I can't beat
Wishing you every success in your campaign, I remain,
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Yours very truly
ERNEST
course, Mr. Albright has the right to change his mind. But he albright." from his having endorsed me. And he should advise you of his recent prolonged stay in Washington just before we adjourned, when he went snooping from office to
ôffice, and was told by several congressmen that he was wasting time. He should office, and was told by several congressmen that he
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R. L.' Stigler and family have ar rived from Memphis, Tenn., to make their home in Sweetwater. Mr. Stig ler has accepted a position with the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Co. \\
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