



'Our Next Congressman'



"Judge Robsion of Knox County, candidate for Republican nomination for Congress, 11th District. Judge Robsion is a friend of the great common people, an orator, a man of ability. The 11th District will have a sure enough representative when he goes to Washington. The opposition now concedes that Judge Robsion is in the lead and will win on the 3rd of August. Do not fail to go to the election. Cast your vote early. Judge Robsion will appreciate anything you may do in his behalf."

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POWERS ROBSION'S FRIEND.

In a recent letter addressed to Judge Robsion, Caleb Powers says, "You are a good Republican, and have been a reliable and consistent friend of mine for the past twenty years, and for all of which I again take the opportunity of thanking you."

So far as I am individually concerned whatever differences that may have arisen between us is wiped out. I wish you success. Yours very truly, Caleb Powers."

This indicates clearly how Caleb Powers feels in the Congressional race. Mr. Edwards has been the life long enemy of Caleb Powers. Judge Robsion has been the "consistent friend" of Caleb Powers for the "past twenty years". There is a reason why Powers is for Robsion. All sane sensible thinking people must agree that Robsion is much better qualified, much abler and better prepared to represent the district in Congress than Edwards.

EDWARDS A MACHINE POLITICIAN.

Edwards used to manipulate the machinery of the district in politics and he is now trying to get together his old machine to use it upon Robsion. When he goes to a town in his campaign he hunts up the politicians about the courthouse, agrees with them to do certain things, and gets them to promise to deliver their county to him in this race. Edwards thinks he can run this race by operating his old machine. He has often used his machine in conventions and primaries, but the old machine is badly worn and it had a bad "smashup" when it ran against Caleb Powers in 1910. Since then it has not been in good working order, and we do not believe that it can be manipulated now.

The farmers, working men and business people are not for Edwards. They are for Robsion because Robsion is the common man's friend. Judge Robsion has always espoused the cause of labor, of the poor against the rich, of the weak against the strong. The politicians are always seeking something for themselves, and Edwards has the idea that he can make a deal with the county politicians whereby he can have them deliver to him the whole county. This cannot be done in these enlightened days. There was a time when the local politicians could hoodwind the voters or manipulate the election and nominate or elect whom they would. That was Edwards' best days. Things have changed since then. Now the working people are doing their own thinking and voting.

Judge J. M. Robsion
OF KNOX COUNTY
Candidate for Republican Nomination for Congress 11th District

Judge Robsion is one of the most able and effective speakers in Kentucky. He is acknowledged as one of the best lawyers in the Commonwealth. As a citizen he has no superior. He is a patriot every minute and a loyal support of his government.

Judge Robsion is a self made man, the son of a Union Soldier, and loyal working republican, born and reared in Kentucky. He has convictions of his own; he stands for something and he knows when he is right. There is no higher example of good citizenship than is set forth by the daily life of Judge Robsion.

First, he is a christian gentleman engaged in Sunday School and Church work; he is an ardent supporter of schools and churches; he is generous and helpful in every place of need. Never a school or church donation but Judge Robsion is in his part.

The soldier boy and his family will find a friend in Judge Robsion. He is constantly working to make conditions better for the army and navy. He is in the thick of every drive in the Red Cross Y. M. C. A. and the Bond issue, because he thinks that this will help to bring about peace and make it easier for our boys.

In short he typifies the very highest plane of citizenship morally, spiritually and patriotically. Give him your aid and support in his race for the Republican nomination for Congress and you will have served your country well.

VOUCHED FOR BY ALL.

Did you ever see a man endorsed by more people than Judge Robsion is in this race for Congress? All the ministers of the different churches, all the teachers both in the Colleges and Public Schools, the Teachers Institute, all the county and district officials from the highest to the lowest, all of the courts of the district, including the Magistrates, Police Court, County Court Circuit Court and Republican Judge of the Court of Appeals, all the business people including the merchants, bankers, railroad people, and miners, all the union miners of the district including labor leaders, local unions etc., farmers and Republican County Committees, are all unanimously endorsing Judge Robsion in his race for the Republican nomination for Congress. Can you beat it? Was any man ever more favorably introduced to a great district than Judge Robsion? The reason is easy to find. Judge Robsion is a self made man. A clean, decent, upright, generous citizen, one of whom his neighbors and those who know him are proud. A man who lives the life that Judge Robsion has led merits and generously receives the praise and encomium of his associates and those who watch his daily walk. He is honest, honorable, upright, just, fair and considerate. He is anxious that every citizen have a fair chance, and he has championed the cause of many a humble man.

Although frequently implored to run for office he has steadfastly refused until he entered this race. Mr. Edwards was one of the many men who persistently urged Judge Robsion to enter the race for Congress and pledged him his support. After doing so Mr. Edwards violates his word; breaks his promise and enters the race. Can any man who believes in a square deal, in justice and fairness, support a man who will break his promise in this manner.

UNION LABOR.

President Van Bittner, of the 19th district United Mine Workers of America, has investigated the record of both Edwards and Robsion and is now enthusiastically supporting Robsion because Robsion stands for the common man and the laboring class. A great many union miners have inquired of President Bittner which man to support, Edwards or Robsion. Among this number was W. R. Hicks, President Local United Mine Workers at Wilton. In answering Hicks' inquiry President Bittner writes the following letter:

Jellico, Tenn., July 10, 18.

Mr. W. R. Hicks, Pres.
Local Union, U. M. W. of A.
Wilton, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I received your letter as well as many others asking an expression from me as to the candidacy of Hon. J. M. Robsion, of Barbourville and Mr. D. C. Edwards, of London, Kentucky. I did not desire to enter into any contest in political matters in the 11th Congressional district, but I can say this to you truthfully, that I have carefully investigated the records, character and standing of the two gentlemen in question for many years, and I can further say that Robsion is a man of high moral character and splendid ability, and in my opinion, would make a great member of Congress, and he has been a real friend to the common man and the laboring class. He did great service for the miners in their struggle for better hours, better wages and better conditions, and his services would have amounted to several hundreds of dollars, but he did not charge a cent, and at a time when he had not thought of being a candidate, and without any request from the miners to help him.

I regret to see that Mr. Edwards is putting out such stuff as the Hibbard affidavit and others of like character when D. F. Hibbard and others in later affidavits show that they had sworn false statements against Robsion. The miners need not believe any such stuff as is being circulated.

You know, and thousands of other miners know, that Robsion has been and is their friend, and that he is honest, honorable and true. I feel that all of the miners in the district should give him their unqualified support, and I further feel that they would be very ungrateful if they failed to do so. The best proof that Robsion is a friend to the laboring men is to see the fellows who are lining up against him.

Mr. Edwards has employed a great many men, but, from reliable information, I find that he believes in working men long hours and giving them small pay.

I am not trying to dictate to anybody but merely saying what I find to be facts, in view of the fact that I have been requested from a great many sources from the miners to do so.

You are at liberty to say to the miners that this is my position in this matter, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Van Bittner,
President District 19, U. M. W. A.

Since this letter was received by President Hicks of the Local Union he has taken up matters for Judge Robsion and is now doing everything to bring about his nomination and election.

This is true of the President of the several unions throughout this 19th district. They are all for Robsion because Robsion has been standing by the laboring man. In the Halls of Congress the laboring man needs a true representative; one who will stand by him and see that he obtains his rights. Mr. Edwards cannot

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Robsion An Able, True and Loyal Republican

EDWARDS IS BOLTER

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WILLIAMSBURG, KY.,
July 20, 1918

Friends and Fellow Citizens
of the Eleventh Congressional District:

Two weeks from today the Republicans of the Eleventh Congressional District, by their votes, will select the next member of Congress from this District.

No man who knows me will dispute my Republicanism, or my sincere desire to serve the best interest of the Grand Old Party.

Mr. Robsion and Mr. Edwards are the leading candidates for this office.

I have been voting the ballot of the old party all my life and spent eight years of the best part of my life in exile because I stood loyal to its principles.

I think that every true and loyal Republican is anxious to see a Simon Pure and Unswerving Republican nominated for Congress on August third.

I am personally acquainted with practically all of the Republican leaders in the District, and know of their relation and service to the party. I know those who have been faithful, and I also know the unfaithful.

I have known Mr. Robsion well for more than twenty years. His father was a Union Soldier and was crippled in that great war. Mr. Robsion will soon be forty five years of age. There has never been a County, District, State or National election in the more than twenty years that I have been acquainted with him, that he has not been ready whenever or wherever called on to help the old party. Neither he or any of his people have ever sought office before. He is able, capable and honorable, and I am convinced will make a splendid record in Congress.

On the other hand the Republicans of Laurel County gave Mr. Edwards six years in office, and the District gave him six years in Congress, making twelve years in all.

I know that he has not been true and loyal to the party since Mr. Powers defeated him in 1910. His paper, the Mountain Echo, and he, himself, lent their help to Mr. Bertram against Powers in 1910. And Laurel County is the only county in the District that gave Bertram a majority.

Mr. Powers received the Republican nomination without opposition in 1912, and Edwards helped to bring out another candidate and went out through Laurel County in 1912, making speeches for an Independent against Powers. No one has ever heard of Mr. Edwards making a speech for any nominee of the Republican party since Mr. Powers defeated him in 1910. He has been unfaithful to the principles of the party and to its nominees.

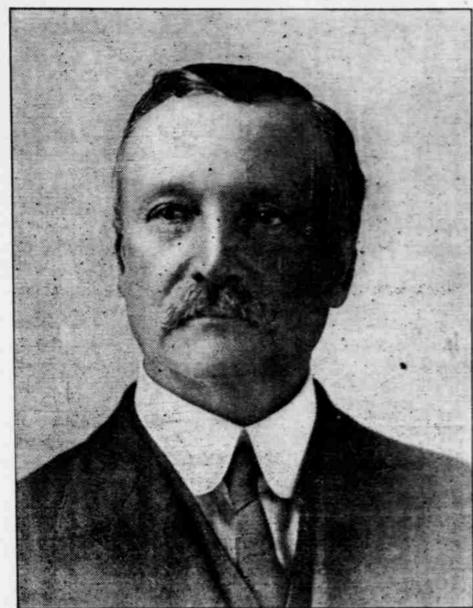
The Democratic politicians everywhere in the District and State are fighting Mr. Robsion, and so is the Cincinnati Enquirer and Louisville Times, two big Democratic newspapers. The Democrats prefer Mr. Edwards, because they know he is not a true and loyal Republican and they want to reward him for the help to them in 1912, no doubt.

They know that Mr. Robsion is and has always been a loyal Republican, and there has never been a time when we needed strong, loyal Republicans in Congress more than now.

I am not trying to dictate to anyone but I want to let the voters know the facts, as I feel that it is my duty to do so, as Chairman of the Republican Organization in this District.

Mr. Robsion is the abler man, and can best serve us. Mr. Edwards urged him to run, pledged him his support, wrote letters endorsing him, and then broke

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When Mr. Edwards returns to Congress he will know just where to begin and just what to do. He will not have to go through a course of training to get on to his job. His former service and experience will entitle him to important committee assignments, and he will take his place at the head of the table with his former colleagues and thus be able, in these strenuous times to render valuable and lasting service to his country and to his district.

He stands for the most vigorous prosecution of the war. Compensation to our soldier boys and protection to their dependents, commensurate with their brave and patriotic service.

Mr. Edwards is in favor of granting Old Age Pensions to those who have spent the best years of their lives in the mines, factories and in other Industrial Pursuits.

In Congress he was very successful in his efforts on behalf of the soldiers. He was instrumental in passing many general laws for their benefit and procured more Private Pension Bills in one term than any other member.

Was one of the first to advocate Federal Aid for public roads. Secured the first river improvement in the Eleventh District. He established the first RURAL FREE DELIVERY mail route in the District.

Voted for and helped to pass the first eight hour law ever passed by the Federal Government.

Voted for the law limiting the hours of Telegraphers and Railroad men.

Aided in establishing the Bureau of Mines and Mining. Stood for restriction of immigration and opposed the admission of cheap labor from any country.

Introduced a bill and advocated National Prohibition.

These are only a few of the many things accomplished by Mr. Edwards while he was in Congress and when he is returned he will be able, due to his experience and ability, to render far greater service to the Country and to his constituents than ever.

ROBSION'S CHARGES AGAINST CALEB POWERS

J. M. Robsion Charges Caleb Powers:—

1. With being a traitor to his country; that he turned his back on the mountain women and married a German.
2. That he was so lacking in Republicanism that he wanted to quit the Republican party and join the Progressive party.
3. That he was rich.
4. That he was so stingy he would not contribute to a Church, to the Red Cross, to the Young Men's Christian Association, would not buy Liberty Bonds, and that he failed to place tombstones at the head of his father's grave.
5. That he went over the district last fall making anti-war speeches; that he went to the school houses among the ignorant people to make these speeches.
6. That Powers was without influence in Congress, not only with the Democrats, but with the Republicans likewise.

On account of his health Mr. Powers was forced to withdraw from the race for Congress, and as soon as he did, Robsion began to claim that Powers was for him for Congress and against Mr. Edwards. Powers issued a statement calling a halt on Robsion. Robsion is mad, and is going after the Powers family again. He has made a vicious attack on Hon. A. J. Crowley, Powers' brother-in-law. Mr. Crowley has been against Mr. Robsion all along. He is a member of Mr. Edwards' campaign committee in Knox County. He is the same Mr. Crowley to whom Powers wrote the letter stating his position in the Congressional race. Caleb Powers think a good deal of Andy Crowley. He knows he is honest, reliable and trustworthy, and that he always uses good judgment.

EDWARDS DID NOT URGE ROBSION TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Don C. Edwards did not urge Robsion to make the race for Congress. Robsion was already a red-hot candidate for Congress when he came to London and sent for Edwards to come and see him. He told Edwards and others that Powers was a disgrace to the district and had to be beat and that he had the "dope" with which to beat him. In that same conversation Edwards gave the Professor some friendly advice, and told him he was up against a real proposition when he tackled Powers.

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