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BIG DEMONSTRATION AT WILLIAMSBURG

A Rousing Meeting, Indorsing Judge F. D. Sampson For Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Special to the Advocate.

Williamsburg, Ky., Feb. 21—Circuit Court opened here today and there was an immense crowd in town. It seemed as though every man you met was in a hurry to get to the court house so he might get a seat in order to be in the meeting that was called for the purpose of indorsing Judge F. D. Sampson for the Republican nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals from the 7th Appellate District.

A. D. Johnson Chairman.

At 10:15 the house was called to order by Hon. J. B. Snyder, who stated the object of the meeting; and upon motion, A. D. Johnson was elected chairman of the meeting, and was called upon to make a speech. He spoke, in part, as follows:

"Gentlemen and fellow citizens; This I consider a great honor to be called to preside over a body of Republicans, and for the cause for which we are called together. Judge Sampson, is, in my judgment, the best Judge we ever had, and I believe we should nominate him for Judge of the Court of Appeals."

F. M. Hart was elected Secretary and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee was composed of J. C. Bird, E. G. Massingale, W. H. Alsip, J. Wes Perkins, H. H. Trammell, J. A. Stanfill and Hugh Johnson, who were sent out to prepare resolutions for the occasion.

Speeches Made by Prominent Men.

While they were out, W. H. McDonald, of Barbourville, was called for and responded, in part,

as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and fellow Republicans: I did not come here to make a speech, but rather to see my old friends and exchange words of encouragement for the success of the Republican party next fall. I am a Republican; have always been one. I believe in its principles. We need the walls of protection rebuilt around us to protect our industries. We want a change in the administration, so that we will not have to put a stamp on our voice before we can talk to our friends over a telephone.

"Gentlemen, I want to say a few words about my townsman, Hon. F. D. Sampson. I have known him from his earliest childhood and have watched his course with great solicitude, and I have always found him to be all that it takes to make a man equal to any occasion. When he was elected Judge of the 34th Judicial District, there were about 1,500 cases on the evil dockets of the Knox Circuit Court; there were nearly a thousand penal and felony cases. He worked hard and by his untiring efforts has cleared the dockets. He has put down crime in all its cruel forms. He has made our county better. I say here and now that he has made the best Judge of the Circuit Court Knox county was ever blessed with. He is going to be the nominee of the Republicans of the 7th Appellate District for the high office of Judge of the Court of Appeals. When they have nominated him, he will win in the final election, and the people of the mountains will have their just dues. They will have a Judge of that high court who will measure up to the fullest requirements. He will carry the old 7th Appellate District back into the Republican ranks, where it justly belongs."

E. F. White, Clerk of the Whitley County Court, was then called for and said:

"I know Judge Sampson; he is just the kind of man we want for the high office he seeks, and we are for him."

The committee then announced that it was ready to report and Hon. J. C. Bird, ex-County Attorney of Whitley county, read the resolutions and moved the adoption of them in one of his characteristic addresses. Endorsing Judge Sampson as a judge and jurist, he said:

"There is no better man for the place he seeks, in this district, than Hon. F. D. Sampson."

Hon. S. H. Kash, of Corbin, seconded the motion to adopt the resolutions in the strongest language at his command, which was well taken.

Hon. Charles Finley then arose and said:

"Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to make a speech; we do not need to be encouraged to indorse Judge Sampson; we know him and we are all for him."

Resolutions Read.

The resolutions were then read and unanimously adopted. as follows:

WHEREAS, Judge F. D. Sampson has been elected to succeed himself as Circuit Judge of this District, without opposition, and

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Whitley county desire to express our high appreciation of the ability, integrity and splendid manner in which Judge Sampson has presided over this Court, and his unflinching courtesy and fairness, both to counsel and litigants, and the splendid service he has rendered to the District for peace and order, fair and clean elections, respect for the laws, and for the industry and energy shown in carrying forward the business of the Court, and

WHEREAS, the press and citizens of the Seventh Appellate District have expressed a decided preference for Judge Sampson to go upon the Appellate Bench.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whitley county citizens that we express our appreciation for the ability and integrity he has shown and splendid services he has rendered for law and order, and in being about fair and clean elections, and for his uniform fairness and courtesy to attorneys and litigants while he has presided over

the Whitley Circuit Court, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if we considered our own wishes we would prefer that he would serve out the present term for this district to which he was recently elected, but for the interest of the State, we urge that Judge Sampson become a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals for the 7th Appellate District of Kentucky, and we commend him to the earnest consideration of the citizens of the 7th Appellate District, as a lawyer of ability, and a man of the highest integrity, and who will give to the causes of both the rich and poor, alike, the same fair and conscientious consideration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions, attested by the chairman and secretary of this meeting, be delivered to Judge Sampson, and the press of the District and State.

A. B. Johnson, Chairman.
J. C. Bird,
E. G. Massingale,
J. A. Stanfill,
W. H. Alsip,
J. Wes Perkins,
H. H. Trammell,
Hugh Johnson,
Committee.

ATTEST:

H. M. Hart, Secretary.

Judge Sampson Called for

Judge Sampson was then called for and came upon the rostrum and said, in part:

"Fellow citizens, I have no words adequate to express my appreciation of this demonstration of your appreciation of myself. All I can let it be what it may, you and the other good citizens of this district have made me. I am yet nothing more or less than just plain F. D. Sampson. What you have done and said here today means more to me than language at my command can express. If I am elected as your Judge of the Court of Appeals, I will then be the same plain F. D. Sampson, ready and willing to see you at any time; to talk any kind of business with you, either on or off the bench. I do not want to live to see the day when I do not recognize the man who have made me whatever I am."

At the conclusion of Judge Sampson's speech the meeting adjourned. There were more than a thousand people from the country and the court house was crowded as long as one could get in, and all for Sampson.

Whitley County Republican Executive Committee Indorse Judge Sampson.

We, as members of the Whitley County Republican Executive Committee, hereby respectfully indorse the candidacy of F. D. Sampson for the Republican nomination for Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals from this the Seventh Appellate District.

Judge Sampson was elected Judge of the Knox County Court in 1905, and served four years. In 1911 he was elected, by a large majority, Judge of the 34th Judicial District, and reelected, without opposition, in 1915. He has a splendid record as Circuit Judge, which we now hereby indorse.

Therefore, it is that we take this opportunity of tendering him our support in his race for Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and heartily indorse him for this office, and recommend him to the other twenty-six counties of the District as a man thoroughly qualified in every way for a place on the bench of the highest court of this Commonwealth.

W. M. Rose, M. M. Criscillis,
Chairman. Secretary.

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