

in compliance therewith we state the facts of your connection with the matters referred to.

At an early day the coupons upon a large amount of our county bonds were placed in your hands for collection, and judgments in due time entered. Other coupons were put into judgment by various attorneys in the State. The people felt themselves unable to pay the bonded debt of the County in full, and from time to time sought a compromise with the bondholders; to this end we always had your active ^{and} earnest help. Mr. Wheat of Leavenworth, represented some of these judgments and demanded we should levy taxes to pay them - we refused - he sought to compel us to do so by mandamus in the United States Court. For a time our case looked very dark. When his application to imprison ^{any} fine we came before the Court in consequence of our refusal to levy taxes, you rendered us valuable assistance. You addressed the Court on three several occasions at as many different terms of Court, pleading for leniency for time to effect a compromise, and openly and always told the Court that the whole amount of our bonded debt was beyond the power of the tax payers to meet. At that time we felt very grateful to you for your efforts and do still.

After the law was passed authorizing the compromise of our debt we consulted with you through our Mr. John Walton, as to the best man to send East. You insisted that Gov. Robinson, above all other men, could do the best for the County. We got the Governor to go, ^{and} he did so, not charging the County anything for his expenses. He met the bondholders and made for us the best settlement of bonded debt, as we are informed, yet made by any County in the State - namely, new bonds at fifty cents on the dollar, at six per cent. interest, and the County pay all costs and expenses made or incurred by the bondholders. In this case the total debt compromised was over \$300,000. The costs already paid out by the bondholders were something over \$900, and their contract with you was for your pay, something over \$3,100. When we came to exchange bonds the County had barely cash enough on hand to pay the \$900. Mr. Nettleton, the Agent of the bondholders, in closing up the matter, told us that he would take for the \$3,100. cash, bonds, if you would take them from him. Mr. John Walton, as well as Gov. Robinson, was appointed to confer with you in the matter. You at once agreed to it though the bonds were not then worth more than seventy-five or eighty cents on the dollar. We expressed to you