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Mr. W. C. Simons,
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My dear Simons:

My cousin Roland Boynton, whom you may know, and of whom you have heard good reports, is a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, Position No. 5. I am tremendously interested in his candidacy. His mother and I were first cousins and grew up as children together and he came to Kansas to go to the state University and be a Kansan by choice if not by birth. He came in 1910. He is a solid, substantial citizen, and will make an ideal judge. He is doing great work in the attorney general's office and Smith told me he was the legal reliance of the place. I most earnestly hope you can help him.

I am enclosing herewith a mat made from his picture and a little editorial in the Gazette. If you could use this as a personal favor I would be duly grateful. He has no money being a young attorney of only twelve years practice. If you can do this for the good of the order I shall be happy.

Naturally this is a personal request. Yet, if I did not know that Mr. Boynton was better equipped than either of his opponents I should not be writing to you. He is a graduate of the state university in the college department and from the law department. He was twice county attorney of Lyon County and made the most successful prosecutor we have had in many years. For the last two years he has been an assistant attorney general, serving under Charles B. Griffith and Bill Smith. He enlisted at the beginning of the world war as a private, came out as a first lieutenant with a captain's commission all ready for him when the armistice stopped him. He is that kind of a man--studious, hard working, intelligent, patriotic and a loyal Republican. When I was supporting Roosevelt in 1912 he was for Taft. He is that kind--independent. Naturally he is a young man in his late thirties, but at that he is older then Chief Justice Johnston was when he came to the Supreme Court. I most earnestly hope you can support him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

