Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your column on the elections was greatly enjoyed — for some time there have been indications that we might repeat history following World War I — but in somewhat different ways. In the middle twenties Evrewe the enclosed - not as a dramatic — but merely putting together some incidents — that no distribution except among some friends.

Due to exceptional pressures and travel I have not been able to arrange for the annual meeting of the Achievement Award Committee, but will do so within a few days. And I would like very much to talk with you for a few minutes before the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Keeler Ellis.
Dear Miss Thompson:

Will you be good enough to give the attached to Mrs. Roosevelt?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Alice Bliss.
to their goal welfare.

A Memphis conservative Democ-
rat and close friend of Mr. Crump
summed up the viewpoint of the
controlling school of thought as
follows, early in the campaign
when it was less apparent that the
country was going to swing to the
Republicans:

"The hope of the country lies in
keeping the Democratic party just
as conservative as the Republican
party. In that way, when we have
occasional upsets, no great danger
is involved.

"When the Democratic party
swings to the left, it is time for
the Republicans to take over the
national government. We can keep
alive an intelligent opposition in
the solid South, and we will not
have to go along with those crack-
pots who have been riding on the
party's cost-tails."

As things work now, in the one-
party states of the Southeast,
alignments of various factions are
fluid and shifting. Elections are
fought over men, not issues. Al-
legiances between leaders change
with almost every election.

While national issues cannot be
said to have played any important
part in the southern Democratic
primaries during the summer, it is
true that the successful candidates,
such as Senator Theodore G. Bilbo
and Representative John Rankin in
Mississippi, made more capital out
of denouncing the Wallaces, Pe-
pers and Ikisses of their own party
than they did by viewing the Re-
publicans with alarm.

Another profitable target of op-
portunity for nearly all hard-
pressed candidates in the Southern
primaries was the Political Action
Committee. It combined oppor-
tunities to exploit the overwhel-
ming anti-union sentiments of the
Pilfers of the Southern Democratic
party with openings for denuncia-
tions of communism with which
these speakers sought to link the
Congress of Industrial Organi-
izations.

Most Southern members of the
eightieth Congress will probably
feel more at home in a national
organization than the majority ran