

April 8,
1921.

Hon. Henry M. D. ...
Attorney General of the U.S.
Washington

Sir:

Pursuant to our conversation of the 6th instant regarding the
the candidacy of Mr. ... F. Odlin for the vacant position of Federal
Judge in Porto Rico; I beg to state that nothing would give me more
pleasure than to see Mr. Odlin appointed for that position.

I have known Mr. ... since 1898, just at the close of the Spanish-
American War, when he came to Porto Rico and practiced law both in the
local courts and in the Provisional Court that was established to ... and
to Federal matters. In 1900 he was appointed the first Attorney General
for Porto Rico, leaving the Island in 1901 to go to the Philippines as
a Judge.

Judge Odlin speaks Spanish fluently, is acquainted with our
civil law, knows our people and their characteristics and I believe
that all these traits should be considered in the appointment of a
people and of a country of two different races. It goes without saying
that Judge Odlin is a distinguished Lawyer and a thorough gentleman.

Very truly yours

Nat. Committeeman for Porto Rico