

April 23, 1925.

Honorable Horace M. Towner,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P. R.

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Following the suggestion made by you on the 21st. instant to the committee that called upon you representing the Pure Republicans of San Juan, we beg to state as follows:

MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Up to the elections of 1920, the Republicans had always been in control of the Municipality of San Juan and the office of Municipal Judge, when it was by election and afterward when it was appointed by the Governor, said official always belonged to the Republican Party.

In the elections of 1920, the Municipality went Unionist, but the Republicans won Representative District #2 and the Unionists Representative District #1. At the first meeting of the Legislature of that year, a measure was adopted abolishing the Municipal Court of San Juan and establishing two municipal courts, giving jurisdiction to both over the whole municipality. When we presented our claims to Governor Yager that one of the courts should go to the Republicans, the counterclaim was made that the Unionist Party had won the elections in the Municipality and that, therefore, both courts should go to that Party.

The elections of 1924 put the Republicans in control of the Municipality of San Juan, and we understand that in the very near future the terms of the judges and other officials of the Court will expire, and this is the reason of presenting this matter to your consideration.

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We are not pretending that you dismiss any of the judges, clerks or marshals of the said courts; we only ask that the same policy established by Governor Yager when he appointed only unionists to these two courts, be followed in this instance and we hope that you will see that we are not asking for anything more than justice.

At your suggestion, we are giving below a list of names for the positions of judges, clerks and marshals for said courts, with the request that their fitness for the respective positions be thoroughly investigated, and if found acceptable, that you take the said names into account when you are ready to make the appointments. In case you should need additional names, we will gladly furnish you same.

Respectfully,

President, Pure Republican
Party of San Juan.