

THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS :

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RUN AGAINST J. O. EASTLAND.

TO : County FDP chairmen, executive members, and FDP projects

FROM: Convention Committee

A Committee was set up at the State-wide FDP meeting in Jackson, August 20th, to provide information for nominating Congressional candidates to oppose the five Mississippi "Congressmen", as well as a candidate to run for the Senate seat now occupied by J.O. Eastland.

The Convention Committee came up with the following suggestions :

I. That each county hold a county-wide meeting prior to the District Convention. The county meeting should select eight delegates and eight alternates to attend the District Convention*.. and take any nominations they are agreed on.

* Second District Convention is set for Sunday, August 29th, at Greenville, and the Third District Convention at Steptoe's farm on Aug. 28th and 29th. In view of time-period some counties may have to elect their delegations at the District meeting itself. The meeting would then re-form into a District caucus.

2. All Districts should have held Conventions by the 12th of September... the 12th is the date set for a State-wide Convention in Jackson.

3. The purpose of the District Convention should be:-

- a. to select a candidate to run for the U.S. House of Representatives, and a campaign manager.
- b. to nominate a candidate to run for Senator Eastland's seat, and a campaign manager, who will actually be chosen at the State-wide meeting.

4. That voting for the Congressional candidate and campaign manager should be by delegates only. Alternates would only vote where delegates were absent through illness, or some other reason.

5. That nominations should be accepted from the "floor" as well as from the county delegations.

6. That the same county delegation, or county alternates represent the county FDP at the State-wide Convention on September 12th. If the alternates were chosen, they would become the delegates.

1st, 4th, and 5th District Conventions still need to be set up.