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Brownwood TEXAS, Feb. 1st 1904.

Hon. Geo. J. Fessell,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter, map and fieldnotes received and noted, shall say in reply that I have been away from home and quite busy in the field for some months hence the delay.

I wish, at once, to express my thanks to you and your department for sending me these matters for correction; also, apprising me of the contents of a letter you received from one Woods of Claude which needs explanation.

I have made the corrections necessary in the five sets of notes sent me. No. 63-A 1900 was incorrectly copied from my blotter - the no. is 830 on the map, which are, having only 1000. to vol. in, which I have done in notes. The E 1/2 of No. 66 was another mistake of the same sort, my blotter shows 1012 but in making copy for office I copied it 912 and so put it in fieldnotes - please have official map changed to read 1012 as that is the way it was calculated and intended. The West line of No. 1 should

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be changed to road 711 instead of 632 as shown -
I see on the blue print at the N. Cor. of No 13
block 42 E.L. & R.R. R.R. Sur. it reads 200 which
is wrong, incorrectly copied from my blotter
it should read 290, you will see the no set out
in the next to the last call in No. 1's field notes
Please have these changes made on official
maps. Nos. 56 and 1, I have been corrected as
shown in the above work.

I return to you your list with some
remarks made on the character of the land,
I do not think much if any of it could be
called farming land; it is with no excep-
tion the roughest country I have ever been
in. I am hardly prepared to say how much
water is there, some of those little creeks
have water in them especially in the winter
season but to what extent I can not tell
you, of course Red River has more or less
water all the time I think, there was water
at the mouth of Dry Creek when I was there,
in the creek as well as the River.

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That land is put right along the breaks and as I have said is very rough. The old surveys were put where they are to catch the good land and all the water that was of much importance. You understand, as set out in my report, that I did not go around each and every section of this land, nor has any other man nor can any man in the future. The major part of those tracts it would be beyond any man's ability to go along the lines let alone taking a compass or chain with him. "It can't be did."

Now as to Mr. Woods of Claude, while I was there Mr. Woods showed up at Cloven den and was permitted to survey for Singard, Dye, Mellard, O'Ryan et. al, by Mr. Clark because they must have some one to do something and Mr. Clark did not want to wait till I had finished my connections. Shortly after, Mr. Holland, a young man who flagged for me a few days,

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was appointed Co. Surveyor of Armstrong and he appointed Woods deputy until he could get the sum of things. This is the point in the matter, I think, Woods is a nephew of James Wilson who first made application for Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 and part of 57. It seems that he has lost out in some way and this man Miller has "jumped" the claim. I made out the notes as Clark's deputy, to save him the trip up there as I had just come that part of the country. Hamblin did carry the chain for me while there. Hamblin is a son-in-law of Rev. Tipton whose claim or application is in the same fix that Wilson's is being covered by James Owens, Nos. 59, 60 & 61. In short I think Woods is trying to knock out my survey in order that Wilson and Tipton may be placed ahead of those whom they regard as "jumped"

By your permission I would respectfully call your department's attention to the following; If you will examine the application of W. H. James it was made among the very first for the Nos 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19 while Dye's was made much later, of course I know he can not hold but four sections. Also the application of J. S. Beatty is ahead of M. M. Miller's

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McBrocken to the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of No. 69 and if not Besty's why
does not J. W. Hastings' application cover it his
being prior. This needs no reply, I just call
your attention to this point, with proper respect.

I remain
Yours very truly
Mark E. Ragsdale

Sk. File No. 9,
Armstrong County

Dated Feb. 1, 1904
No filing date

Mark E. Ragsdale Letter - certificate & comments on certain
Surreys in Blks. A. 1900 & 42.

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