

1 and I am happy with the number of you that fit into that
2 mold as far as I personally am concerned.

3 A hundred years ago in my state of Mississippi
4 was the last time that a Negro was elected to an elective
5 post in that fair state until a few weeks ago. A few
6 weeks ago following legislative action on the part of
7 Congress and the interest of the President of the United
8 States, several Negroes were elected to comparatively
9 nominal posts such as justice of the peace or elections
10 officials.

11 Mr. President and members of this Convention,
12 since these liberals have been successful at the polls
13 the big bankers up North made it practically impossible
14 for them to take office because they could not secure
15 bonds. On one mere job that paid practically nothing
16 they were requiring a man to pay \$170,000 in order that he
17 could take his office on December 31.

18 Mr. President, they even came to the fair city
19 of Baltimore to a couple of our largest banks in an effort
20 to secure bonds, and at the present time some of them,
21 by going all the way to New York City and all up north in an