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JUDGE E. F. SMITH FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

Judge E. F. Smith of Austin, former first assistant Texas attorney general and widely known author of works on law, is continuing his active campaign in the district for the office of Chief Justice of third court of civil appeals.

Judge Smith pointed out that his opponent in the race, the incumbent judge, has reached the retirement age set by law for federal judges. Mr. Smith, who is 52 years of age, urged the voters to consider they should have a younger, more vigorous chief justice on the bench.

Also pointed out that the Texas civil judicial council now is preparing legislation for consideration next year which makes the civil appeals courts final in most matters, and emphasizes this would put still greater responsibilities upon these courts, and require not only great ability in law, but also energy and aggressive hard work.

Even at present, Mr. Smith said, an active civil appeals judge will write on the average from 35 to 40 opinions a year; but that a search of the court's records shows that the present Chief Justice, his opponent, wrote but seven opinions in 1941 originally disposing of cases. That made the average cost of these opinions to the taxpayers more than \$1,000 each. Mr. Smith pointed out. When a judge writes the average 40 opinions, the average cost is from \$100 to \$200 per opinion.

Attorney Smith has received testimonials from many lawyers, educators, and businessmen affirming that he has the highest reputation as a good lawyer, a hard worker, a gifted writer on legal subjects, a real democrat; that he is learned not alone in the law but in government, history, literature and philosophy, a man who will make an excellent appellate court judge.