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## Letter from S. A. Smith to Attorney General Langer Regarding Pool Hall Confrontation, November 14, 1918

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NORTH DAKOTA  
BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA

Nov, 14th 1918.

Hon. Wm Langer:  
Attorney General.

Dear Mr Langer:

I am having some trouble here, and I think that I will have to ask you to help me out, as I do not think that I can get any satisfaction here, however I have given our States Attorney Mr. Gallagher until seven o'clock this evening to issue a warrant for me for two men, namely B.S. Davis a poolhall man, and the other is the newly elected Sheriff of our County.

I had been given orders by the Board of health to close up all pool halls and all other places where people would gather, which I did, and the order states that I am not to allow them to open until further notice, so on the evening of the 11th I found that this pool hall was open and doing business, and according to my instructions from the board of health, and this man Davis refused to close, so I ordered every body out and closed the place, I went away and about an hour after he had opened again, and I went in and told him to close again, and him self and this Sheriff elect informed me that I had no right to close the place, and refused to quit playing pool, so I made them quit and this man Pazini or Sheriff elect started to show fight, but of course got the worst of the deal. I took four good Farmers as Witnesses and went to Mr. Gallagher and asked for a Warrant for Davis for refusing to close, and I also asked for a warrant for Pazini for obstructing an Officer in performing his duty. It is hard for me to tell it all in this letter but I have given you an idea of the deal. Now Mr. Langer both these men are bitterly opposed to me politically and that is the reason they showed fight, and you know why Mr Gallagher will not issue the warrant, him self and Pazini owns the Beach Advance, and he does not care to get him in

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#2 bad on the stand. Now I want these men prosecuted, for they are deserving of it, Mr Waters can tell you just what kind of fellows they are, and I also want to show this man Gallagher up, if he does not intend to uphold the Officers of the County where he is States Attorney in infocesi<sup>r</sup>ng his own orders, I think it time that we find it out.

Now I have outlined the case, and if Mr Gallagher does not give me the warrant, I will send you a Wire telling you of the fact, and I hope you will help me out in this case, I have some of the best Farmers in the County who *when* in there when the thing happend, and they will testify for me.

Now Mr. Langer if I send you a wire kindly give this your attention, and I will thank you very much.

I am very respectfully .

