These are letters dated 11 August and 19 August 1899 from R. H. Angwin at Springfield in Greene County, Missouri, to T. J. Scott & Sons at Montgomery, Alabama. The letters concern proposed real estate transactions in Florida, Louisiana, and Texas.

According to the U.S. Census of 1910, Richard H. Angwin was born in England in about 1842. By the early 1890s he was at Mount Vernon in Lawrence County, Missouri. An item in The Chieftain (Mount Vernon, Mo.) on 13 September 1894 noted that “R. H. Angwin will remove to Springfield in a short time.” He was subsequently listed in the Springfield city directory for 1895 as an attorney at 1067 Clay Street. In the city directory for 1898 his business was given as real estate at 1320 Clay Street. By 1900 he was listed as the principal of Gulf School (site of the present-day Study Middle School) at 2343 West Olive Street. In the federal census of 1910 his occupation was listed as real estate.

These single-page, autograph letters were written on the letterhead of the Springfield Commercial Club, although Angwin was not listed on the letterhead as an officer or director of the Club.

The letter of 11 August 1899 inquired about a possible commission on the sale of “280,000 acres in Fla. (head waters of St. John’s river) and the 250,000 acres in Cataboola (?) Parish, La.” Angwin was doubtless referring to Catahoula Parish in east-central Louisiana. Angwin claimed to represent a client “who is in the market for pine lands, or pine lands and a good, up to date saw mill plant.”

The letter of 19 August 1899 concerned 30,000 acres of “pine lands” in Liberty County in southeastern Texas near the Trinity River. Angwin indicated that he was representing clients in Kansas City, Missouri, requested additional information, and asked “what will there be in it for me?”

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