

"Limestone New Era," for the purpose of aiding in the fight for the removal of the county site from Springfield to Groesbeck. The campaign was successful and Groesbeck was made the county site. In this way Mr. Foster entered the field of journalism, and through journalism the political arena. In 1880 the people of Limestone county elected him to represent them in the seventeenth legislature, and in 1882 he was elected to the eighteenth legislature from the sixty-second district, composed of Falls, McLennan and Limestone counties.

In these bodies great questions were discussed and decided and he gained a state-wide reputation as a debater and parliamentarian, which resulted in his election as speaker of the house of representatives of the nineteenth legislature. This was a distinguished honor, doubly so from the fact that he was the youngest man ever elected in this state to fill this important position. His administration of the duties of the office was fair and impartial, and such was the confidence of his colleagues, in the correctness and justice of his rulings on all questions arising in the course of legislation that no appeal was taken from any decision rendered by him during the session.

He was appointed commissioner of Insurance Statistics and History by Governor Ross, and held the office during Governor Ross' administration. He was re-appointed to the same office by Governor Hogg and held it until the creation of the railroad commission. Upon the creation of that department of the government he was appointed, by Governor Hogg, one of the three members of the first railroad commission of Texas. At the close of Governor