Interpreting Primary Sources: Letters

Working with your partner, log onto the website http://newdeal.feri.org/court/index.htm and click on letters. Scroll through the letters and find two letters (one opposed to Roosevelt's plan, one in support.) After reading the letters, answer the questions below. Be prepared to share your information with the class.

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