

**Transcript of Letter to FDR From Mrs. M. Zoller, 1933:**

Dear Sir:

I write to ask your assistance in securing an old age pension for my mother Mrs. Martha Gilbert, wife of C. R. Gilbert (deceased since January 6, 1920).

She is helpless, suffering from Sugar Diabetes, which has affected her mind. She has to be cared for in the same manner as an infant. She is out of funds completely. Her son whom she used to keep house for is in a hospital in Waco, Texas – no compensation for either himself or her.

I am a widow; have spent all my savings in caring for her. I have kept boarders & roomers in a private home to keep my four children for I have always been a lady; this is why I appeal to you, to place your dear mother in my dear mother's place. With no money and no place to go unless it be to the poor house. I cannot rent my rooms now for she demands constant care and attention. Please do something about this request as soon as possible.

She will be 82 years old on August 9th.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. M. A. Zoller, Sr.

I do not own my home & at present I cannot meet my bills (overdue). I don't know what to expect next.

Thank you in advance.