

436 West 47th Street Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. Ellison A. Neel, Keith & Perry Building, Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Neel:

Not having the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, I want to use this means of expressing my heartiest approval for the courageous remarks contained in your article published in yesterday's Star,

I have been a resident of Kansas City for only eight months and during that eight months' time, I have traveled 32,000 miles covering a territory from the Canadian line to the Mexican border - from the State of Pennsylvania to the State of Colorado, There have been times when I have been ashamed to admit that I was from Kansas City, because of the frank and honest assertions made by business men all over the country about Kansas City.

People have the opinion that everyone in Kansas City is a crook, because, as expressed to me in Galveston, Texas, not long ago, "if you have decent people in Kansas City, why don't they do something about it?".

Like yourself, Mr. Neel, I am a life-long Democrat, believing in the principals of the Democratic party, as expressed in our National Platform, but it has been so plainly brought to the surface in the last few months that the state and national Democratic parties are trying their level best to divorce themselves from the national shame created by the conditions existing in Kansas City,

I am not well enough acquainted in Kansas City to speak for the merits of any candidate on the Coalition Ticket, but I can say to you truthfully that any change made in the city administration would be an improvement. I cannot understand how the business men and the right-thinking people of Kansas City can stand by and not offer their moral and financial assistance in crushing this ever growing menace. If this Cause is lost in the coming Election, it will be simply because Kansas City lacks men of your type - men who have the courage of their own convictions and the willingness to express them.

Let me again congratulate you, like very much to know you personally.
Mr. Neel, and tell you that I would

Sincerely,

Mendell Myers