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July 26 ,1938.

Mr. Frank Hollingsworth, Chairman,
Douglas-For-Judge-Club,
322 East High Street,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

Your letter of July 25th received.

For various reason, that I will not take time to go into, I will not be able to comply with your request.

I suggest you get Mr. John T. Harding of this City to make the speech you refer to. Ho is an eloquent speaker - familiar with the facts - a long time Democrat - old time friend of Dockery - Stone - Wilson et al, end well known to the Governor.

Of course, the Governor is right in his analization of the situation as covered in his speech here last night.

I met, along with some other gentlemen, with the Governor's representative at the Muehlebach Hotel last Saturday night and gave him whatever benefit there might be in the suggestions I had. Monday morning I handed to Mr. Ed Haber, in the form of questions and answers, some data that I think sets out succinctly and pointedly the issue before the Democrats in the Primary Election.

If that data could be gotten to the public in an impersonal way (not as coming from me - their is nothing original about it) through the press of the state, it would do some good, I believe, if it is not too late.

Enlarging on one idea therein contained, I might suggest that it might be helpful throughout the State if friendly newspapers could get it across to the Democracy that it is Pendergast that is making all this "rookas" and row among the Democrats, and making capital for the Republicans, and for what purpose? None other than to try and help him gratify his spite and ill-will towards the Governor. And why has he got that spite and ill-will? For no other reason except that the Governor would not re-appoint the old -election Board in Kansas City and do what ever else he was told.

Also emphasize the fact that it was Pendergast who went out in 1912 and beat Henry L. Jost (whom the Democrats of Kansas City had nominated for Mayor) and elected Edwards, a Republican. Why did Pendergast do that? For the same reason - to gratify his spite and ill-will towards Jost, who refused to bow the neck and wear the collar, and sell his soul.

Yours very truly,

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