

“BOSS” PENDERGAST ADMITS CALLING ON POSTMASTER-GENERAL FARLEY TO STOP  
PROSECUTION OF JOHNNY LAZIA

FARLEY PENDERGAST

Pendergast's Letter to Farley

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James J. Farley,  
Postmaster-General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Jim:

Jerome Walsh and John Lazia will be in Washington to see you about the same matter that I had Mr. Kemper talk to you about. Now, Jim, Lazia is one of my chief lieutenants and I am more sincerely interested in his welfare than anything you might be able to do for me now or in the future. He has been in trouble with the Income Tax Department for some time. I know it was simple a case of being jobbed because of his Democratic activities. I think that Frank Walsh spoke to the proper authorities about this. In any event, I wish you would use your utmost endeavor to bring about a settlement of this matter. I cannot make it any stronger, except to say that my interest in him is greater than anything that might come up in the future.

Thanking you for any and everything you can do, I remain

Sincerely, your friend,

T. J. PENDERGAST.

Jerome Walsh, a Kansas City lawyer, is a son of Frank P. Walsh, a nationally known New York lawyer, formerly of Kansas City and now one of counsel for Tom Mooney. The elder Walsh, one time publisher of the Kansas City Post, has been active in Democratic politics both in Missouri and New York. In 1931 he was appointed by Gov. Roosevelt chairman of the Power Authority of New York State. He came from New York at the request of Pendergast to defend Lazia when he was finally tried.

Jerome Walsh was elected to the Missouri Legislature from Jackson County in 1926. He was associated with his father in the defense of Lazia.

William T. Kemper of Kansas City is Democratic National Committeeman for Missouri. He recently settled for slightly more than 10 cents on the dollar a Government claim for \$777,443 additional income tax on profits from a transaction in stocks of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad Co., of which he had been receiver.