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Hon. Loyd. Stark,

Governor of Missouri,

Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Governor Stark:

My hearty congratulations upon your success in your memorable fight against "Pendergast Bossism" in Missouri! You have won the first round in wonderful style. I will be with you in every round until a permanent knockout is delivered to this hydra headed monster which has been a growing curse for a long time.

I am sorry we were unable to deliver a more telling blow in McDonald County but this county has been cursed by this blight for some time and budding Pendergastits are in the saddle.

I know you used every force you had. Some of them, compelled by political expediency gave "lip service" but their hearts were not in the fight. For instance. Tom Carnell, one of your prison guards who has been Pendergast's strongest fighter in this county was on the ground but his old fighting fervor was somewhere else.

Arthur Smith who sat on the platform with you when you made your ringing challenges to the people of this county, always a Pendergastist, whose life-long-Republican wife is Post Mistress here through Frank Lee of Joplin, who is at present Receiver of the defunct Bank of Noel by appointment of your finance Commissioner, should not be trusted too far.

W. G. Tracy, prosecuting attorney of this county, is the outstanding exponent of Pendergastism in this section and worked hard and "cussed" long and loud. Of course, the Pendergastists have control of the W.P.A. and Relief work in this county.

Considering all the conditions which surround us here, we made a good fight and we are determined to continue the fight until the end.

If there is ever anything we can do to help you in cleaning out the criminal political conditions which have cursed our state too long, command us.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Pinnell