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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark, Governor,

State of Missouri,

Jefferson City, Mo.

My dear Governor:-

Humors, which appear semi-authentic are prevalent, indicating that a negligible minority of the County Committee members composing the 21st Judicial Circuit are sponsoring an ultimatum to be delivered to you that unless you appoint a certain party Circuit Judge your appointee will not be the nominee for the November Election.

In your speech at Sikeston last week you contended that Mr. Dearmont was the logical appointee for Governor a few years ago after the death of his successful Primary opponent by virtue of his having made the race for that office and your theory that certain localities are entitled to the honors of representation, is four square with and presents the same identical features as contained in my application, to wit I was the late Judge Dearings opponent and the two southern counties of Wayne and this, Reynolds County, have not had the honor or convenience of having a Circuit Judge for forty years or probably more.

Should you approve my appointment, Governor, I will experience no difficulty in securing the nomination and with the organization I have in all five counties and the sentiment contained therein to the effect that I was robbed of this office in 1934 I am confident I would emerge successful with a comfortable majority in the General and I can soon recruit that organization to invulnerable strength amply capable of reciprocating any favorable consideration you may bestow.

My friends and I feel that I am the logical successor to this office, our theories supporting this contention coincide with your expressed policies, I made an aggressive campaign in 1934 during the intense heat which was most enervating, both mentally and physically, success seemed so assured that I spent more money than I was justified in

spending as a result I have a four year old girl that is in urgent need of an operation to prevent her being a cripple for life and I am unable to provide same for her as a proximate result of the loss sustained in that campaign, I fought the Pendergast organization viciously in all five counties and we have after mature deliberation determined to YIELD THE NOMINATION TO NO ONE WHO HAS BEEN PENDERGAST INOCULATED And if reluctantly forced to do so we are prepared to file a certificate of nomination on a non partisan ticket and will not be swerved from this determination. Considering the fact that in 1928 the Republican candidate Mr. Kleinschmidt, who will beyond doubt be the nominee this year, in reality carried all five counties but was outcounted as explained in previous correspondence, that in 1934 the organization condescended to permit him 12920 to Judge Dearings 15818 votes and it is speculative and problematical how many votes he actually polled, and this in the face of a Democratic landslide it is very apparent that if we are forced to enter the campaign on a non partisan ticket that such action doubtless would result in seating a Republican Judge, however sincerely feeling as we do that the "bone" is rightfully, legally and morally ours we expect to invoke the law of tooth and fang to protect our own property, Our position is that if our brother canines of Democratic pedigree wont permit us the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of a bone which we labored diligently to retrieve by personal and family sacrifice, we prefer under those circumstances to have some mongrel dog who has not displayed an attitude of wanting something for nothing to take it on a forward pass and make a goal. we candidly trust that such a situation will not be precipitated by those who have made no sacrifices and ostensibly have no political claim to the office. You are at liberty to divulge our attitude should the circumstances justify same.

Please governor do not misinterpret this letter but accept it in the spirit in which it is written. No intention exists to coercin or intimidate you in your appointment. We refer to the nomination only. Having expressed your viewpoints as you have my family and myself are encouraged to believe that after careful and mature deliberation you will readily decide that I am justly the logical appointee, I regret that you have not cloathed me with this authority before the Primaries as I feel that I could not only have recruited thousands of votes for Judge Douglas in that capacity but could have been instrumental

in having thousands tallied for him that I fear will not be so recorded, getting votes is of no avail unless they are counted and while I "feel the approach of evil" nevertheless I am hoping that my fears are unfounded and that he will be returned to the Supreme Court with such a colossal majority as will dearly indicate that Bossism in Missouri is a thing of the past if so your political future should be assured. You will have proven yourself worthy to any office you aspire.

Kindly consolidate this with my file and at your leisure time peruse all of my letters, which doubtless due to the pressure of politics have not as yet been digested and accept in advance my thanks for your careful consideration.

Cordially yours,

Roy E. Glidewell