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Kansas City, Mo

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Hon. Lloyd Stark

Governor Of Missouri

Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir; ( Your personal attention PLEASE.)

During the last year and five months I have made a desperate attempt to obtain a State job, my application in on file in your office, and you will find that I am a Safety Engineer and Inspector, I was reared and educated at Fayette, Mo. my people were quiet active in politics, but I have never asked any City, County, State or Federal favors, I have always had good connections, six years with the Inter State Bakeries Inc. and the last three years with Bruce Dodson And Co, I had to leave my last job due to my wifes health and take pot luck here in Kansas City, I walked the streets of this town, but no one but a Politican or a Pendegast man could get any where.

I have maintained a home here for twelve years, and due to the fact that I knew so many people in this Ward, I was given a job on the W.P.A. I realize that I was given this job to control the Protestant vote, also a number of people from down my way live here, all Supervisory jobs are handled thru the Ward Bosses, due to the fact that I did not line up with the rest this last fall, and that I did not pay the 20% lug that was on all City and W.P.A. men, that I am slated to go, just as soon as this HEAT dies down, Pendegast ( Jimmie ) will clean the W.P.A. of all fellows like myself and the ones that have less power and put in his City Employees that have been dismissed thru this clean up.

Gov. Stark, you and the Federal men have just scratched the surface, you will never know the real facts about this town, Pendegast is just as strong as ever, you have made a good start, but you have such a long ways to go, the Catholics are well satisfied,

because that is the gang that rules, Pendegast was smart to put two Masons at the head, and they are dumb enough to stand pat and throw the protestant vote to him.

Yes the Kansas City Star carries head lines to the effect that various changes are being made, but that certainly is a big joke, sure they oust one Pendegast man and put in another, your Police Director is a Goat, and he had knowledge of all the crime that is going on, he is just another one of the boys, Mayor Smith is just a tool in the hands of Pendegast, he is not so dumb.

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Governor Stark, the W.P.A. is under the supervision of the Government, why not get busy and clean up this mess, I have been on this work as a Supervisor long enough to know what I am talking about.

Favored laborers and Supervisors are paid for time that they did not put in, at election time weeks go by that these mentioned men never are on the job , but out working in their various wards, regardless of how needy or how long one may be out of work, even now to go to work as a laborer, he has to have the approval of the Ward Boss, Chas Haake takes his orders from the Ward Bosses, that is the present set up here and it is a known fact, it may be that you approve of this, but but what are hundreds of people like my self are going to do, what way do we have to exist or to go on as law abiding citizens.

It is not my fault that I am here doing this work, I am making a continuous effort to get other employment, for example, I took and passed the examinations for Safety Inspector for the Interstate Commerce Commission my official standing was # 7 for District # 10, that includes four States, then Seven ex soldiers was given that ten extra points, so there you go again, what chance has a fellow, even Senator Clark was kind enough to do all he could , but that was not sufficient.

Even tho you have ignored my application, I do wish you the best of luck, and I do hope that you will take this W.P.A. in a serious manner, you could do so much good here if you

wanted to and I still have hopes of some day soon of having a job under your Administration.

Sincerely Yours

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