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MARQUAND, MISSOURI

July 3rd, 1939.

Hon, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

President of U.S.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr President;-

I had a letter from the Works Progress Administration in reply to the letter I wrote you June 12th, about being re-enstated as Non-relief timekeeper on the Missouri State Highway Project or on the job to where these men were transferred to, stating that there was a curtailment in WPA employment,

But why did they put me off and keep all the rest of the men, when all of them could get out and do other kinds of work which there is available now for lots of them that is able bodied, but I am like your self paralyzed in my legs and can no do any work only timekeeper or something like that and there is over half of them that is on the Job that does not have as many children to support as I have, you have made provisions for helping most every body that needs help, the dependant children, widows, old age and able bodied men, but have failed to make any provisions for the cripple only direct relief, and I do not want this as I want to earn what I get, It does not look fair to give these jobs to some able bodied men when persons like my self can do the work Just as well and good as they can in my opinion here is the whole trouble in the fight between Judge Billings and Judge Douglas in last election the heads and foremen of most of the local WPA projects was for Judge Billings and made no secret of it, and at that time I was not a timekeeper on the WPA end went with Governor Stark for Judge Douglas as I personally knew that Judge Billings was a Pendegrast man and I had already found out to much about their game to support a man that was in with the Pendegrast bunch, and our

County and district foremen and supervisors knew my standing in this case and I firmly beleive that this is the reason that I was laid off, as thare was not another man put off but me, and I need the work as bad as any one that was kept on the Job and have more in family to support that half of them does, and numbers of them has been on the WPA indefintantly and I only got to work from October 11th, 1938 to June 10th, 1939 eight months in all and that is all I ever have got in any way shpae or form from any agency, Shurly some of you could help me to get the Job back, I wrote the Farmington, Mo. District WPA Office end they advised me that thare is no place available for me on projects in madison County at this time,

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as they must maintain 95% certified people on projects and in addition they were expecting another reduction in personnel.

That is all right but when they want to they have worked men under exemption and why could it not be done again where neccary to give a deserving family food and shelter,

I did not ask any one any odds up untile three year ago my parlysis caused me so much trouble that I had to go to the hospital and was thare almost two year off and on and it taken every thing I had and left me with my home mortgaged and in debt a lot besides, and being in the shape I am in I sure need the work.

Any thing you can do will sure be appreishated and will return the favor if it is ever so I can.

Yours Very Truly.

E.A. Whitener.

cc, to Governor Stark,

Jefferson City, Mo.

P.S. as to my honesty, ability and character and need of this Job I refere you to the following parties,

President of New Era Bank, Fredericktown, Mo.

Chas, Belkin, Highway Patrolman, Fredericktown, Mo.

Postmaster, Marquand, Mo.

Mayor, Marquand, Mo.

Cashier of Bank of Marquand, Marquand, Mo.

Mo.P.Rail Road Agent, Marquand, Mo.

and every Buisness man in Marquand,