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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark

Gov. State of Mo.

Dear Friend:

I am writing to let you know just what, or rather part of what is going on, on the WPA in the County I live in (Crawford Co.)

I am Abe Brown oldest son of Landon Brown who worked at the Nursery till his death, and if you don't exactly remember me ask Mr. Reed I think he will.

Also I worked at the Nursery and my brother Elmer and myself worked at Schroeders garage the Louisiana Motor Co. where you and Mr. Paul kept your cars. I am asking for fair play for the veterans being one myself. This county is practically run by Pendergast sympathizers from Interviewers down to Bosses and foreman. They have been riding us boys ever since it was made a law to keep us on the job. And since Mr. Casteel was given his job its been worse. We are given the hardest end of the work and also we, including myself had to be examined by Doctor and a certificate had to be sent in stating we were able to work, now I know we have one legged bosses cripples and ruptured men on the job but no one has asked them to be examined it is only us boys, so they can say we are not fit to work.

One beteran Mr. Pratt has received a 403 and I know he needs the work he is to laid off April 22nd. I could tell you some things to open your eyes if you would only send an investigator or a FBI man to see me. I am not a man to make complaints or trouble unless

things go to far and I think it is now, and I'm wondering who is the next veteran who will receive a 403 next, perhaps myself as I've been told the supervisor is against all veterans.

I've always known the Starks and there honesty and I'm sure I can depend on justice from you altho I've been sneered at for defending you. Our home is at 16th and Kentucky mother still has it. (and how come I came to Crawford Co). I bought
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a place here with my bonus. I still owe some on it, and thought I could get in the Shoe Factory here but they have so much patent machines here that I've never been able to get in, that's how I came on the WPA.

I am hoping that I hear from you or send a FBI man in the near future so things can be run straight out here, Mr. Lloyd I must tell you this that I'm proud to claim you as a friend and I think the work you have been doing in trying to have clean politics is wonderful once more I'm proud to be from Pike Co. and the veterans are all for you, and we are working for you strong. I've neighbors here who have been republicans all their lives who are going to vote for you. Once more I say good luck to you and hope you keep the good work up.

I am as ever your friend

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