

1012 E. 15th St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,
Jefferson City, Mo.

May 18, 1938.

My Dear Governor:

May I take up a little of your valuable time to tell you what we, here in K.C. and Jackson County, think of C. Jasper Bell's effort to get some of the old folks vote by writing that silly letter to Mr. Kemper the other day? Suggesting that WPA money be used for another investigation so that more chiselers could get on the rolls again. He knows very well that the 2% sales will not bring in enough money to pay more than we are now getting after the age limit has been reduced to 65.

You know that most of the old folks are Townsendites, and they have no love for C. Jasper on account of the unfair inquisition he gave Dr. Townsend over a year ago, and wasted \$75,000 of the taxpayers money. We are not counting much on the State pension, but feel sure that the General Welfare Act of 1937, H.R. 4199; - the Townsend Recovery Plan - will be enacted "into law in 1939, and do away with all State pensions. Have you ever studied the Plan? Or given it any thought at all? Quite a number of Governors are "for it" and are helping us"put it over." They have a similar transaction tax law in Hawaii, and the Governor says it works fine and everybody is pleased with it. It's the only thing that will ever bring recovery. Pump priming and spending will only give temporary relief and will call for more spending when the present appropri- is gone. After the next election there will be more unemployed than ever. And direct relief will be something awful to think about.

In regard to Bell's statement that investigators were too strict in the reinvestigation, I can assure you that it is not so. In fact they were too lenient. To cope with some of these old liars, one must be "hardboiled", and a little chicken-hearted lady like Mrs Pachter - my

case-worker- is not qualified for the Job. She simply took the recipient's word for gospel truth and let it go at that.

I must not take up any more of your time, so will "sign off". We Townsendites would be very pleased to learn that you are with us for quick enactment of the GWA bill. But whether you are for it or not we are with you 100% in your struggle against C. Jasper and Uncle Tom.

With kindest regards and best wishes for health and happiness,
I beg to remain,

Sincerely your friend,

C. E. Brown