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

Dear Governor Stark:

I have noted with considerable interest an article in today's Globe Democrat publicizing the controversy between you and Dr. W. L. Brandon, of this city, and which seems to have arisen over the disagreement about the candidates for the Supreme Court.

As a Democrat and a citizen of the state of Missouri, I am taking this opportunity to write you because of the statement attributed to Dr. Brandon in which he stated that "two carloads of Douglas supporters couldn't be found in all Southeast Missouri."

Dr. Brandon and I have been personal friends for a long time, and we are not going to fall out over a matter of this kind; however, I think you are correct in the effort you are making to keep the Supreme Court above the dastard and sordid influences of corrupt politicians, and to this end I am pledging you my wholehearted support. I am not a very good machine man, but I do claim to be a Democrat who regards his citizenship duty first of all.

I think Dr. Brandon made an unguarded statement if the one attributed to him through the Press is true, for in Kennett alone, the home of Judge Billings, there will be many times

over the two carloads Dr. Brandon referred to, supporting Judge Douglas, and here in Butler County the supporters of Judge Douglas will run to a high percentage of Democrats despite the opposition of politicians in the local machine.

I sincerely hope through the efforts of loyal Democrats throughout the state that the strangle hold of the Kansas City Boss will be definitely broken in the August primary.

Very truly yours, E. R. Holland

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