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Governor Loyd C. Stark,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Governor:-

I did not attend the meeting in Jefferson City on Friday because of pressure of business but I am with you on the fight for Douglas and I was particularly in favor of your action with the former Insurance Commissioner O'Malley. I did everything I could for you in the last election without any thought of reward. I have not asked you to make any appointments and do not expect to ask any. I do think that the fact that I succeeded in electing my brother as Assessor of the County in the face of a fight by H. G. Simpson, O. I. Jones, Walter R. Beck, Paul Davis and James W. Brown, who represent the Pendergast ring shows that I can control some votes.

The only reason I would write this letter is to warn you that this particular ring is not at heart with you. They began talking for Billings loudly two weeks ago but have put a soft pedal on now because as one man put, "Chili (H. G. Simpson) has his tit in the ringer and we will have to make that bunch think we are for Douglas" If you can shift the positions or take away the appointments of some of themen you know are not for you, or anything you want, you will make it much easier to control this section almost solidly.

You have some good loyal supporters here that can be depended on and a little organization will do the job.

I will be in Jefferson City on the 25th. of this month attending to other business. If you have any suggestions to make to me I will be glad to work with you if advised before

hand.

Yours very truly,
Frank K. Ashby