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Hon. Loyd C Stark, Governor,

The State of Missouri.

Jefferson City, Missouri

My Dear Governor:

During the past week, I have traveled the southwest part of the state of in that particular section things seem to be in a pretty fair shape for Douglas. In Springfield, I talked to Hiram Chinn, who is strong for Clark but is for Billings, and he informs me that

Greene County will undoubtedly be Douglas by a good majority and also that Tom Farrington was the real leader of the Billings movement in that county. The lawyers that I talked to there echoed the same opinion. The three Colonels of Springfield seem to be on the fence although Sam Weir was photographed with Billings and the picture published but I am told that he has NOT sided against you.

In Jasper county the opposition is a little stronger and the leader there seems to be Col. Watson but I think that he is motivated by his feeling in the National Guard appointment. Practically all lawyers of influence in Jasper County are openly Douglas and I was told that the ones that are for Billings could have been lined up had the Douglas organization been there sooner.

Barton County is one that is hard to get definite information from but seems to be Billings right now as the K.C. men have been there and lined up some workers and apparently left some money to establish a permanent organization.

Sunday I spent in Lewis and Knox Counties and there I found that Shannon Douglas had been really working and has those two lined up for men that were for Douglas the last time I was there are now working hard for Billings and as I have told you before, the sales talk

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that the K.C. organizers are using most is to the effect that "Even though the Governor is right, he will be through in two more years and the K.C. organization will be here from now on and those who stick by them will be taken care of"

I visited Miss Ann Nolen of Monroe City, the Publisher of the paper there and a political power in Monroe County, and she is with us on this matter and told me that in her opinion, Monroe County would be for Douglas but not by a very large majority.

The one thing that is hurting our cause more than anything else is the lack of organization. By that I do not mean that anyone is laying down on the job but the fact that Kansas City had a well oiled organization with money to spend right from the start is reacting to their benefit in many places where we could have had lined up solid if we had not had to start from "Scratch" without organization or money. I, naturally, do not know how to overcome that obstacle, but one thing is certain if I can help any more than I am at the

present, I am at your service.

The service men, generally, are staying put although they are now trying to break into their ranks but I do not anticipate any great trouble there at all.

I will be in the office all this week in case you care to call me.

Sincerely,

Shack