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Hannibal, Missouri.

July 3, 1938.

Hon. Loyd C Stark, Governor,

The State of Missouri,

Jefferson City, Missouri.

My Dear Governor:

I am certainly happy to report that I have more encouraging reports from the boys in the various counties this week end than at any other time since the closing date for filing. It now appears that the opposition made one mistake in their organizing so completely so

early in the campaign and as a result, in many places, it is having a adverse reaction. It St. Louis I find that the boys there have finally awakened to the fact that this issue is to be settled outstate and that money will be required to assist the rural county workers. Col. Bartley is the "Spark Plug" of the money raising there and is doing a remarkable job of it.

The tactics of the K.C. boys have now turned particularly to those counties which have in the past, been "Anti" and beleive me our part of the state is being subjected to real pressure. Marion County seems to be one that they are battling hardest for and you recall, I am sure, that when F.T. Odell and I were in your office we suggested that if Miss Helen O Donnel was given a place there, her father, James, would be invaluable in lining up the Catholic vote here in this county. Her application has been sent to your office but to date no action has been taken but Jim Odonnell is certainly doing his part and will be worth hundreds of votes to us and if you can arrange to get Helen placed there right away, shewill write all her friends and relatives in the state, and they are many, and the reaction will be beneficial.

Dwights Office is now putting pressure on Mr Odell through his various businesses that come under the jurisdiction of the Secretay of States office but we need never fear about him for he is solid as a rock. He is anxious to get Miss Odonell placed however for Joe Hunolt has taken a 40 day lay off and wants Helen to go

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"Billings" and promises to place her the day she will change hut she nor her father will ever do that. They are not that kind at all, but it goes to show how they are battling us here in a county that is in your column.

Waggoner, EX-Liquor Dept., in Clark county is working like a demon there and is getting results as I understand it and I think I will take a run up there next week as I have quite a few personal friends there other than veterans, and I may be able to do some good.

Lewis County is now definitely Billings and frankly I am at a loss to konw what to suggest a way out for it seems that they have bought their way in, However I am going to the annual picnic of the St Patricks Parish, which is a rather large

affair and if I can line up the priest of that church it will mean we carry the north end of Lewis County.

Cape Girardeau County is Now in Douglas column and will stay there for the entire republican organization secretly is for him as well as the most prominent Democrats. Pemiscot and New Madrid Counties are more or less "on the fence" and I dont beleive that either candidate will get a very large majority there.

As you know, I have my vets organization in each county and they are, in the main, the same boys that worked for you in the primary and general election and as I understood your original orders to me, I was to get the vets lined up for Douglas and I am most happy to report that that job is done and I am sure that I can report that at least 90 percent of the vets in the state will be for Douglas. That is by no work of mine nor any other man except yourself for your treatment of the veterans since being Governor has been such as to merit their everlasting gratitude so all that has been necessary for me to do was to tell them that you wanted things done and to call their attention to what you have done for them so all credit must go to you and no one else.

If there is any thing you care for me to do other than work like the devil for Douglas from now till 7 P.M. August 2nd. please dont hesitate in calling on me.

Sincerely

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