

Kansas City, Missouri,  
July 14, 1938

Mr. J. W. McCammon, Supervisor,  
Building & Loan Associations,  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. McCammon:

I want to give you an idea of about what I am finding out in my solicitation of votes for Judge Douglas. A great many of my friends here, both Republicans and Democrats, promise to vote for Judge Douglas. Jerome Joffe has organized a Democratic Club here supporting Judge Douglas and I have been working in two precincts of the Eighth ward. While my precincts are Republican, I find a great many who are unwilling to express themselves on account of the power of the local machine , while others are out-spoken and very critical of the Pendergast tactics. A few cases I found where Governor Stark was being criticized for removing old folks from the pension roll, but upon investigation I find their complaints are selfish in that they had some relatives whose names have been taken from the pension list.

Over in Clay County the good people are for Douglas. Some elements in Excelsior Springs and North Kansas City have a connection with the local machine and are quite active for Billings. From the best source of information, it is predicted that Judge Douglas will carry the county, while in Platte it seems to be a real horse race. Ex-Governor Park is campaigning for Judge Billings and if he asked a great many of his friends to support Billings quite likely the county will go for him.

Should you see the Governor you might tell him that Mr. Dillingham said that he was very grateful for his kind words concerning him which he made to the President and asked me to thank the Governor. Dillingham volunteered no information as to how he proposes to vote, but reading between the lines I believe that he quietly is for Judge Douglas.

So far I have spoken to about 285 people. Some 75 have expressed themselves favoring Judge Douglas and about a like number for Judge Billings, and the remainder

are non-committal and uninterested. I find quite a few who seemingly are not sufficiently interested to go and vote.

I shall be very glad to report to you further after making other trips to Clay and Platte counties.

With very best regards to you and your good wife, I am  
Yours very truly,

Th. Y. Matley

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