

July 16, 1938

Hon. Frank Hollingsworth, Chairman,
Douglas-for-Judge Club,
322 East High Street,
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

I have just completed a survey of the county and will lay before you my findings and, perhaps, you may suggest some way to improve our condition.

First, I will say that I believe that we will carry Linn county for Judge Douglas as the rural vote looks good. But in Marceline, Brookfield, and Bucklin, I have run across considerable opposition. First, we have most of the elective officers of the county opposed to us; second, P.W.A.; Third, some who have been taken from the old age pension list have relatives who are actively engaged against us; fourth, a few men interested in slot machines and gambling devices feel that they have been illy used; fifth, those who have always stood with the Kansas City organization.

In Marceline, I have a very fine worker in the person of Bob Owens. His brother, who works with the Santa Fe in Bucklin, is doing some nice work there. Mr. McGregor, myself, Julia Edgmon, and several others are actively working here in Brookfield. We have rather a mean setup in some ways as our pictures are torn down or defaced nearly as rapidly as we can put them up. This is true only here in Brookfield. I have been unable to find out who is responsible for this, I would suggest that Mr. Ben F. White be sent back to Marceline to work for a few days.

I believe if Governor Stark could arrange to come to Marceline, he would help us here in the county. If it would be possible for Governor Stark to come to Linn county, we would like to know at least a week ahead so that we could get his coming well advertised. A Saturday night would be preferable but we will be glad to have him any time. However if you feel that he is needed more elsewhere, I would not ask this of you. Senator Clark spoke here in Brookfield last night and the attendance was rather disappointing to his friends.

In view of this, it might be necessary for us to spend a few dollars in advertising, should the Governor find it possible to come. Would it be possible for us to get from fifteen to

twenty dollars, say, for the purpose of a county-wide advertising; also, I feel that we should advertise pretty well throughout Chariton county, which joins us on the south.

Hoping to hear from you in a few days, I am

Very truly yours,

T. C. Oyler