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STATE OF MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
E. J. McMAHON, SUPERVISOR  
JEFFERSON CITY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO DEPARTMENT

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Col. E. J. McMahon, Supervisor,  
Department of Liquor Control,  
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The following is the political out-look in my territory.

In Pettis County Judge Douglas is gaining ground daily. We have the county almost entirely covered with literature. The effects of the recent rally are beginning to show up in our favor. Our method has been talking to people personally and leaving a few small cards with them to distribute to their friends. The fact that Governor Stark made a visit recently to look over the building that Sedalia has offered for the Unemployment Compensation Office, has had a decided effect, especially since we are suggesting to business men in and around Sedalia that unless Pettis County shows a majority for Judge Douglas in the primary, our chances for getting this office are not very good. If this idea could be played up more it would have a decided effect. There is a young man by the name of Wilson Sterling, who is not now working, but who has applied for a job with the Grain and Warehouse Department, who has been a great help in this campaign. He

has distributed a great deal of literature, and around his community, which is the northeast part of Pettis County, he has a lot of friends and has done a lot of good for Judge Douglas.

Our prospects in Morgan County are a slight edge over Billings. In the southern part of the county, which is the lake country, we have a lot of opposition. Most of these cottages are owned by Kansas City people. The natives who take care of the cottages respect these property owners and are influenced by them. We will lose this part of the county. In Stover we will get a majority providing we have a way of getting the votes out. The people living out in the brush will not come to the polls unless they are taken. Mr. Bowers, who is in the liquor and produce business says he can get these votes out but that it will cost about \$15.00 for the trucks. In Versailles we will do well to get an even break. I have been working with Miss Gladys Hagan, a school-teacher, who is well acquainted and well respected in the town. We interviewed about

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twenty-five people, mostly young people, in Versailles, giving each some small cards and an automobile sticker. Their reaction seemed favorable and their idea about the town was favorable. Miss Hagan is doing some very good work for us in Versailles, She has just recently taken an examination for a position under the Unemployment Compensation. In Barnett, which is the eastern part of Morgan County, we will get quite a large majority. Mr. Kirk Hatler, the depot agent and automobile dealer, is quite influential and is working for us.

In Benton County we can be assured of a majority. Our best friends and workers in this county are the Republicans. This is a Republican County but very anti-Pendergast. The Chairman of the Republican Central Committee is making an issue of speaking to his Democratic friends in behalf of Judge Douglas. Benton County is thoroughly covered with literature. There are Douglas cards in the windows of every business house in Warsaw. E. R. Scott, an attorney, is doing a great deal of work for us.

In Saline County there is quite a fight. According to Mr. Robertson, an attorney in Marshall who is well known and who is doing some good work for Judge Douglas, we are gaining votes every day. Most of the leaders in this county are people who are not well respected. I am referring to Billings' leaders. Our campaign in this county is being conducted in a very quiet sort of way. Our workers are talking to their friends. Their reason for working this way is to keep the opposition from making any more fight than necessary.

In summarizing my report of the four counties which are now my territory I would like to say that these four counties are going to show a majority providing we can get the people to the polls and providing we make enough personal interviews before the election. I believe that the personal interview is the best method of getting the votes. It's surprising the number of people we talk to that know nothing about this contest but who are glad to support a man that Governor Stark wants to see nominated. Governor Stark's popularity among the respectable citizens, is overwhelming.

Respectfully yours,  
Franklin J. Creagan  
Inspector.