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Hon. Gov. Lloyd C. Stark

Dear Sir:

I realize at the present time you are a very busy person so will make this as brief as possible.

First I want to congratulate you on the fight you are making against this Pendergast Ring. I have fought them for the last ten years in my meager way locally and I am glad we have at last found a Democrat Gov. who has the nerve to tackle them now. What I wish to say is this, there were State appointees at Sedalia from this county who appeared to be carrying the Douglas Banner but are using all of their time in this territory trying to put Billings over, are Pendergast men and have been from the start, you may not be aware of it but the local condition of politics in St. Clair County is just as rotten as they are in K.C. only on a smaller scale.

Now I am not a politician never have been, was Mayor of Osceola at one time and know these crooks backwards and I wish to say if there is anything I can do locally to help your cause I am at your service, but wanted you to know you were being double crossed by the very ones that are claiming to be for Douglas and taking State money to put Billings over.

Yours respectfully I. W. Thurman

Osceola, Mo.