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Gov Loyd C Stark.

Jefferson City Mo.

Dear Mr Stark.

You may be some what surprised to get a letter from the Publisher of a Republican Paper in Hickory County. I am accord with your work of trying to stamp out the Pendegast machine in Mo. Mr Stark His influence is felt in our county at the foot of the beautifull Ozarks. We are fealing the affects of his machine more & more every Election we have. In the last few years right now, as Publishers of the Index & Vice Chairman of the county committee, I have the opportunity of knowing something a bout the cituation for our county, there has been, some of his henchmen in our county – pretending to be spending there vacation fishing. But there mishion were other wise they are here stirring up strife in our Primary to be held real soon Tuesday Aug 2. They are insisting the there men vote in our Primary for our candidates, elect men the staunch Republicans don't want, so they can get their men, Elected in

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the November Election. I had a talk this A.M. with our chairman. In regard to the cituation we are appointing chalangers in each voting precinct[.] our prosecuting attorney is getting out an affidavit for the Purpose of keeping this fraud being committed. In our county there is no dought But what our W.P.A. will be made vote as the Pendergast organization will be made to vote as they say for the organization here is for Billings. Mr Starks if you should like to make a statement in regard to the countys holding an honest election we would be more than glad to Print any [*text stricken through*] statement in regard to the same, we will print same free of charge. I am some what surprised that so many of our best Democrats or [are] for Billings. I do

wish there could be something done a bout it. Again I want to assure you that our paper staff are in a cord with the splendid work you have done as Governor of our great state of Missouri.

Yours for service

Mae Wilson Dollarhide

[P.S.] Copy to Jack Stapleton 7-27