

Cameron, Missouri.

July, 28, 1938.

Honorable Lloyd Stark:

Governor of Missouri.

Dear Mr. Stark.

I am a Democrat, But not a Pendergast Democrat. I am for Douglas and proud of it although I am a poor man and have worked on W.P.A. and have received the lowest possible wage. I am at present working at the Wallace State Park, checking cars for Missouri State Board at the small sum of 25¢ per hour and am only allowed six hours per day. I presume that the reason that I am there is because the Pendergast gang wanted me where I could do the least amount of electioneering for Judge Douglas.

It was not because I was not capable of handling a better job; because in my younger days I was a school-teacher, having taught school for 18 years. I was raised on a farm and am not afraid to work. I have already persuaded 25 or more of my friends to vote for Douglas and intend to convert a few more. If Billings is nominated it is possible that the Pendergast organization here of which most of the W.P.A. Foreman and straw bosses are members, will remember me. Of course I am hoping and firmly believe that Douglas will be elected and that there will be some new face on the pay roll before long to end some of the present corruption.

If we succeed in getting Mr. Douglas Nominated and elected I am in hopes that my face may be one of the new faces on the list, but if not it will not keep me from doing all in my power to overthrow the powerful Pendergast organization.

I am a World War Veteran and belong to the American Legion, but am not an Honorary Member as Mr. Billings claims to be, for as a member of the American and having been one ever since the war, I know that there is no such an animal as an Honorary Member of the Greatest Organization on Earth.

I remain

Yours for success,

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