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Governor Lloyd C. Starks,
Executive Office, Jefferson City Mo.

Dear Governor Starks:

You promised us "Honest elections," and I am quite sure you will do all in your power to accomplish that very thing.

I am writing to ask, what we can do about the situation in Springfield. We are told we can not have a challenger at the primary election.

We get out and work hard for our ticket, then the election is simply, stolen, at the polls. The "Judges" count as they please and win. In this the 19th Ward, R.T. Wood and C.W. Greenwade, see that (Mrs.) Maude Harmon, and Tom Emmerson are put on as, "Judges."

They and the other judges, take each others ward for the count. You see how easy it is to count up or down, as they desire. Many of the Judges and Clerks are connected with the relief set up, or they

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are employees of city, or county offices. There is Chas. Moon, son of Fred Moon, and assistant prosecuting attorney strong for Pendergast. Martha Kimber - W.P.A. office. Helen Walker - teacher in W.P.A. Kindergarten, Mrs. Joe Dieterman, relation in W.P.A. office. Mrs. Claude Wright - husband in Relief office. J.W. Creamer - strong Catholic supporter of Tom Pendergast. Mrs. Tom Burns - strong Pendergast supporters. Mrs. Dot Chinn - wife of Hiram "Dig" Chinn, known as "Boss of little Tammany." Pope Meyers employe of H.O.L.C. - Eugene Jone "Old war horse," for Pendergast. Della Welch - Pendergast, Zara Matz - wife of policeman for Pendergast, Mrs. E. F. Hanna - mother of Howard Hanna - who made the speach against you and Judge Douglas, at the "Young Democrat's meeting, a few weeks ago. Many others, are on the list I sending you. (What can we do?) We must win.

Yours truly
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