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St Louis Missouri

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Mr. Stark Governor of Missouri

Dear Sir if I am able to go to the polls Aug 2 I intend to vote for Judge Douglas. The man you appointed. I will never vote for any one who is antagonistic to your admistration. The Pendergast people here in St Louis are doing every thing they can to discredit your admistration. We the Democratic voters of this state voted for you. Now it is up to the People to back you up and be loyal to your admistration. About 2 weeks ago I was sitting on my front porch when a man about 45 drove up in front of my place go tout of his machine came up the steps raised his hat, and said to me, aint you Mrs Dwinnett, I said yes, so he said well, I would like to talk to you. I invited him to be seated he said I understand you are pass 70 years old and that last Jan 31 you applyed for an old age pension, Is that right, I said yes Sir, he said have you been given any thing I said no sir not one penny, he said I also understand that on the 29 of May 1935 your mortgage came due and that you had to renew this mortgage you had to borrow 2 hundred dollars more on your home makeing a total of 16 hundred dollars you now carry and all the income you have is what you can rent

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out 1 or two rooms for. The city has also assested your personal property at 30.00 and you owe 91 cts personal tax. In May you had 1 hundred and 46 dollars back taxes for two years you also paid your water bill of \$5.15, makeing a total of \$149.15 you paid now. I am here to tell you that unless you vote for Mr. Billings for Judge of the supreme Court you will never recive an old age Pension. I just flew all to peices. I said who are you that you should come out here to try and Bribe as to how I should Vote. I said I am going to the polls if I live and have to be carried there and cast my vote for Mr. Douglas. I said as long as Mr. Stark is our Governor I will never vote for any one that is trying to tare down his admistration if he is given the support – by the voters who by there vote put him in the office he now holds he will go down in History as one the best Governors the state of Missouri ever had. And I will starve to death before I go to the polls and cast my vote for any one who does not up hold our Governor policies, I said now I never seen you before will you please tell me your name. he look at me and said well I see I cant convince you as to how you aught to vote so I will just bid you good day. How or where he learned so much about my affairs is a mistery to me. I am now down to my last dollars and I may have to suffer but if I do have the satisfaction of knowing I am suffering for a principal, if I have to starve

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I will never. God being helper will I ever cast my vote against my convictions and there is not a man or woman who will dare to tell me who to vote for, I regard the privilege to vote a sacred honor and I shall always vote for those who will do their best for the people of Missouri. Now I hope you request this Pension Board here to do something for me. You are the head of this government and your word is law, I had a letter from Mr Haworth but still I have heard nothing from the pension board here I court a thorough investigation I have sent the names of Mr Charles M Hay Judge Berryman Harwood and Mr Fred Baumgartner former vice president of the Baden Bank and Mr Cruise of the Baden Band. My family Physician Dr. George Chopin. I have been a tax payer in the city of St Louis for the last 20 years If I could get a position in some institution doing addressing or as assistant matron or hostess I feel I could earn my keep if I am cuped up and pass 70 years old if I cant get any thing to do. I will just have to have assistance My room have

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been vacant now for nearly 4 month now I have one room rented out at \$3.00 per week. The lady will leave here Monday and I will have no one I have to have food Ice and coal as winter will soon be here so I must have assistance

A friend to your administration

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[P.S.] It does my soul good every time I read where you have had the courage to fire a broad side, in to the Pendergast camp. Just keep up the good work and I am sure every honest voter in this state is with you. I have now Borrowed the limit on my home since 1930 have had to cash in all my life insurance policies to pay special taxes and for the up keep of my dear little home now I am just begging for bread.