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His Excellency Lloyd C. Stark,
Jefferson City,
Missouri.

Dear Governor:

The people of Missouri owe you a debt of gratitude which they can never repay. They can only show their appreciation by following your leadership and giving you their whole-hearted support. The whole world loves a fighter, if his cause is Just, and in both respects you command the admiration of the people. Your cause was in striking contrast to our other elective state officers. While you were out in the open making an able and manly fight for the people, Dwight Brown, Forrest Smith, King and Winn were sniping at you in the back-ground. While the memory of you will be fresh and treasured, they will be dead and long-since forgotten.

But the fight has just begun. Matt Murray is still head of the P.W.A. Gambling is still open and brazen. The liquor interests must be curbed and the license laws enforced. It is infamous that those on relief must bend the knee to a political boss to get what the law allows and the tax-payers provide.

I am not a puritan or prohibitionist, but if gambling is not separated from liquor, and the liquor laws enforced, Missouri will be as dry as a pepper box.

The boss thrives on prestige and privilege. (the latter including Jobs and spoils.) You have deflated him considerably. He is no longer unbeatable. But separate him from favors and patronage, and his followers will desert him. They are bound to him only by ties of selfishness. If he can't deliver, they will turn to others who can.

The Election Board here has done fine work, but the work has not been completed. There is still a pad of from twenty to twenty- five thousand votes. The Republican leaders are corrupt and work hand-in-glove with Pendergast. At the Primary, the same old system prevailed. In some precincts Democratic Judges counted the Democratic ballots and the Republican Judges, the Republican ballots. Douglas received fewer votes than were given him, and Billings more. The situation should be cleaned up.

I happen to be one of those who are for you, because I admire your courage and approve your course. You have made and are making a great name for yourself, and the just esteem of the general public is your greatest reward. You can go higher if you wish. The people are for you, and will follow your leadership, because they know you are honest, fearless and sincere.

In this estimation of you, I am just one of the people.

Very respectfully yours,

W. G. Lynch