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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark Governor of Mo.,

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Dear Governor: I am writing you in regard to the recent election, which went to suit me in most cases particularly in the Billings-Douglas Race, as the thing that was done was good for all the people of the State, and I was glad to help change the sentiment in our County from Billings to Douglas, as a few weeks before the election it was strong for Billings, as the politicians thought they had a walk a way with it, but as you probably have heard people in this County have had about all the Pendergast leadership they want, some two or three election before, and have went so far as to elect some Republicans on the strength of it as they knew they have been being stole out even here in this County for a few years, and when we couldn't get a recount on an election in 1934 we elected some Republicans, and in this election beat every man they put out in this one except one, who must have had plenty of money spent on him.

I was born and bred a Democrat on both sides of the house, and expect to always be one, but the right kind of one, and if it takes something else to cure corruption in politics I can do that, as what mortal man has not but of course they don't advertise it, but I don't

really care what they know about me, as I think honesty in Politics is very necessary, and there is no use in politics being any less clean than the Church if every one would look at it right, as we all have to live under what is done, and you State officers have to Hold up your hand to high Heaven and swear to support the Constitution and the Bosses do as they please if it is left to them, and with the most of the State Officers looks like. I think you are the only one I would support of the whole gang now, for anything, but I will do anything you want me to do since I see your metal.

I suppose there will be some fellows in this County telling you they are responsible for it going the way it did, say the Ex-Co. Chairman and of course he did say he was for Douglas and he had his son-in-law who is a Republican hand out a few cards the day of election, and had Douglas picture in his Abstract Office but they were a detriment to the thing for lots of people didn't believe they were sincere, and doubted if they were sincere but of course they had a son working under you at Booneville as a Secy. and they had to make believe they were alright, but the other Brother-in-law and son were for Billings openly and I think were putting out money for Billings, any way he sent a fellow to me telling him I had \$300 or more of Douglas money to put out, which looked like he was guilty, and wanted to try to make it look as though the other side was doing likewise, and to hurt Douglas, and I am pretty certain there wasn't one cent in this County for Douglas, and I think you will know who these parties are without me naming them, as I understand their wives are relation of yours, but are strong for Pendergast, and in fact they are part of the crowd that falsified to get me out through Pendergast, Truman and Murray and I wrote Hopkins about that again about how that was done, and he hasn't shown enough courtesy to answer my letter.

Now as to the W. P. A. will say I happen to know there was politics played in my case when the setup was started, and even a day or two before the election, as a foreman that I put on who was a Truman and Pendergast Supporter and got to stay on when I was put off, and every other one was put off, the last day before the election passed Billings cards around to the men and told them he wanted them to support Billings, or at least two that rode with me told me he did, and I am sure he did as they call him little Tom, and after me putting him on he turned around and helped to get me off, his name is Leland Huddleston or L. O. Huddleston who has held a job all through the setup and can't even

write so they can read it, as they had to fix up some special arrangements for him, but he is a high School Graduate and that was the reason I put him on as they required them to be, of me, but now they use anything if he is right politically, or if he is Pendergast, so I think a thing like this should be looked into, if it can be done.

Of course I didn't know how dumb he was when I put him on, but I had always known the family, and put him and one other Truman man on so they couldn't say I put all of Clark's men on, and then they turned on me when the trouble come up about my appointment. But didn't get to work but was signed up foreman & timekeepers & notified to be ready.

Well I suppose you will be tired of reading this but I am glad the election went the way it did, and will be ready from now on to help you and will appreciate hearing from you anytime, or even Judge Douglas, as I have a bunch of friends that stay with me and can get thing done when we try and there a lot of Johnsons too.

Yours very Resp.,
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