

THE LORWOOD PLANTATION

Lorwood Place

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PARMA, MO.

Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

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My dear Governor:

I wish to congratulate you upon your success in the nomination of Judge Douglas over Billings. This victory was quite complete and while it may sound the death knell of Boss Pendergast, yet I wish to say that Pendergast is not dead by any manner of means. He has only received a severe slap and he may be quite sick over it, but he is a long way from being finished and he will not be disposed of until his power in the local county organizations has been completely broken. His money was used freely in the counties in Southeast Missouri and where I am particularly acquainted, in New Madrid, Dunklin and Stoddard Counties, he won out completely. I was formerly from Ohio and have been a Republican all my life, but I have never lost an opportunity of voting against the Pendergast organization, and this fight is going to be carried into the election next fall, and we hope to get his organization weeded out in at least two of these counties. It is utterly impossible to think of killing that man's power as long as he retains his hold in the counties, because that is where the foundation lays and it is from these points that he builds up. I have many friends who are Pendergast men and personally I have no fault to find with them, except politically, but at that I am absolutely opposed to them and will not vote for them for any county offices, and while I do not suppose that there is any way that we may receive a great deal of assistance from the State Organization. yet if so we would be very glad to have your hearty cooperation. .

Again wishing you success, I remain

Yours truly

G. E. Spitzer

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