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Woodruff Building,  
Springfield, Missouri,  
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Governor Lloyd C. Stark,  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Governor Stark:

Although you may not remember me, nevertheless as one who was much interested in your candidacy long before it was publically announced, as one who feels that his efforts in your behalf were not entirely fruitless and as one whose sincere interest in the welfare of your administration continues, I would like you to know the supreme satisfaction your recent appointment of a new Election Board in Kansas City has brought to the real democrats of Greene County.

Having been chairman of the Greene County Democratic Committee for six years, both during the time prior to and after your announcement for the office of Governor and at the time of the primary when you were nominated, I have a great many of the true, working democrats call at my office to discuss politics; they are elated over the stand you have taken. It presages, we feel, a brighter day in Missouri politics; it will do much to insure honest elections and help clean up a rotten mess of corruption which has long disgraced Missouri.

We only regret that you cannot extend your efforts and authority in a similar way to Greene County.

The Pendergast bunch is in charge of things here now; they have been arrogant and ruthless; they have been even bold enough to tell applicants for appointive jobs that they must take the matter up with Kansas City before they give their endorsements. Now, however, they are much concerned about your present attitude and while careful as to whom they voice their criticisms, are bitter in their denunciation.

Resentment, however, has increased so rapidly that there is no doubt there will be an early change made at the first opportunity.

I know Ed. Shook whom you appointed on the Kansas City Election Board well, his mother and my mother were cousins. No better man could have been found in Missouri for the job. I congratulate you on securing his help.

With my best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chas. W. Dickey.