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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,
Governor of Missouri,
Jefferson City, Mo.,

My Dear Governor:

People who have been asked to serve as election officials in the precincts are asking if we are to have protection at the polls. The presence of the police of this city is no protection. When I served as republican judge of election on registration day last I was insulted, cursed many times, my official papers grapped from my hands and torn up in the presence of the other officials and prospective voters, threatened to be taken for a ride and finally the next morning was refused admittance behind the counter on which the registration books were lying.

The presence of a member of the state militia would have prevented this treatment of me as an official trying to do his duty. I complained to the prosecutor's office, to the judge of the circuit court when he called a grand jury, asked to appear before the grand jury to tell my story, but was refused aid everywhere I sought it, so you see, good men, well intentioned, are unable to act freely unless they are assured the protection the laws give them.

It is going to be difficult to get the best men, the upright, honest citizens to serve unless they can be assured of protection in the execution of their duties. They are afraid and do not want to be beaten up. Please give this your earnest consideration.

Thanking you and assuring you of the support of the good people of the city I am,
Yours very truly, W. W. Filkin