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Gov Loyd Stark  
Jefferson City Mo.

Dear Sir-

I just read your suggestion that the suit to oust W. W. Graves from the office of Jackson County prosecutor be pushed to the swift conclusion. I hasten to congratulate you on so doing.

The people of Kansas City are now at the mercy of the most corrupt and ruthless political machine in the nation. The machine element in both city and county are a law unto themselves. The state laws are a dead letter to them, if and when it conflicts with either their views or financial interests.

Just last week a clerical termite who hibernates in the county treasurers office raised the valuation on my home in the sum of \$550 as a penalty for my

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having signed a petition for recall election.

The tax receipt on my house for 1938 shows a valuation of \$1910. This year I must pay on a valuation of \$2560, because I had the temerity to sign a petition for recall election.

The property was not reassessed this year and there was no hearing before Equalization Board and not a cent of improvement made on the property. There was no legal authority for the increased valuation. But there is nothing I can do about it. Law enforcement here is a dead letter. That is indeed a sorry condition for a city of ½ million people.

Mr Majors, state old age assistant appraiser, examined our house from basement to attic recently and he appraised it at \$1552. Speaking of recall petition reminds

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me that a man told me today that he and his brothers signed the recall petition and that later on the precinct captain called on them and offered to get them street work if they would sign cards requesting that their names be removed from the petition. One of them accepted the offer and signed the card, the other thought it a scheme to get the names off the petition with no purpose to comply with the promise and refused to sign removal card. A few days later the one who signed was given a street cleaning jobs and then the other one signed and is anxiously awaiting his city

job. I do not doubt that most of those who signed requests for removal of their names from the petitions were influenced to do so by like promises.

I rather incline to the opinion that McKittrick is disposed to do his

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duty in the Graves case but that he is hampered by a lot of machine-made assistants. Hope you will succeed in getting action.

Yours Respt

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