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Mr. L. Stark  
Governor of Mo.

I see by this morning K. C. Times, that not in fifty years has the voting of a K. C. citizen meant as much as it does today, not in fifty years has he had the chance to cast that vote on such a clear cut case of official rottenness.

Now Governor Stark for the last 50 years all the Governors said, That the honest voter and the votes themselves did not need any further protection and are the City Hall and County Court House, Freeman and their followers going to be allowed to run the elections, and then let the crooked ones at the polling places, before the voting starts in the morning on Election day allow 20 votes to the Honest people and 630 to the Crooked Machine.

Several years ago a fellow by the name of Robert Paterson that worked for the K.C. Water Dept. as a plumber on one Election Day voted 7 times then he got scared and run out of town and I have not seen him since, but he had such a pull he did not have to run away. Please advise me if there is to be any protection or an honest election next month and is it going to do any good to vote.

Yours truly,

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