

Kansas City, Mo., July 7th, 1935.

Mr. Johnny Wurzer,  
Route 4,  
Clay County, Mo.

My dear Johnny:

Per our conversation of some days ago down at the City Market, I am writing you as I told you I would at the proper time. I am mighty glad Johnny. I get to talk to you about my good friend Lloyd Stark of Louisiana, Mo., and I am indeed glad I was able to get you away from the Nee idea. I appreciate your friendship very much John, and I know exactly how sincere you are and just the kind of hustler you are in a friend's behalf. I am also aware of just how well you stand over there in Clay. I know well enough you can wield quite a bit of persuasion, once you set sail.

Down to tacks: I want you to start in and preach the gospel up at Liberty, see Fitemaster, Ben Gifford and the fellows along the Square and get them talking Stark. We don't want to go at it in any bandwagon, kern fashion. You know as I told you: just go ahead and make your appeal as though you are asking a personal favor of them. You are pretty good on the campaign stuff, and in Rooney, your prosecuting attorney, owes almost his first and last election to your efforts. I want you to go into Jim first, then we will meet and get him collared together. Jim owes you a lot, and there is no question he is going to aspire for something further up that way, and he will need all the boys he can get and he will need a few carloads of Jimmy Hursts', just as he did down there at North town.

So O'Dell over there at the garage in Liberty. O'Dell gets in contact with a lot of the Excelsior Springs boys, and he will do a lot of good work too. I talked to him out at the last chicken fights at the Grotto Pit, and he said he would go all the way with the bunch for Mr. Stark.

We want to get Jim Rooney in line. It may be, he has already been approached, but as I told you Johnny, I have to be a little diplomatic about these things. I am working within my own Organization, and doing all I can. I am not supposed to "front" outside the Organization, and for that reason I must work in my own way. But I know I can rely on you.

Stark is a regular fellow, a fine gentleman, an educated and successful young business man, and stands out at the moment. He simply has to go in front as the strongest candidate. The K.C. Organization is going to get behind the strong man, and you know as well as I do the New Deal just isn't going to get it, nothing short of a stake racehorse,

and Stark, to my notion, will develop into that kind of racer. We are working to have the strongest worked up man when T.J., gets back. I know he went away without anyone in mind.

Will see you in a few days. I gave O'Dell that game cock and two hens out at the barn at Riverside. They are the pure good old stuff. I told him he had you to thank for them.

Your friend,

*[P.S. Major – This boy is very active and well thought of out in Clay – he knows everyone  
- Rooney and the Liberty folks will listen to him. J. Hurst]*