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Honorable Lloyd C. Stark,  
Louisiana, Missouri.

Dear Governor:

Rufus Jackson was in to-day and in the course of the conversation I asked him about the party choice for Governor in the primary next year.

He said he was for you -- that your associations and his had been intimate ever since your joint conduct of the campaign for the road bond issue — and had been very pleasant.

He wanted to see you elected Governor and was certain you would be if nominated. But, he said, we might just as well face the facts and look at the situation as it is. Whoever Pendergast names will be the nominee and there is no use for us to have any delusions about it. If the old man picks Stark then Stark it is — and if he picks somebody else than it is somebody else.

Rufus had just come from a talk with Bennett in which they had gone over a lot of state and federal political matters and he undoubtedly reflects Bennett's point of view — and Bennett's expectations and anticipations.

If you are interested in the Republican point of view — J. C. Brown, of Wentzville, who ran against Champ Clark for Congress on one occasion, was in the other day and said the Democrats would carry the state hands down in 1936 and they were merely laying foundations for 1940. Said Pendergast would name the Governor and would pick a K.C. man just as he did for Senator — after flirting with outstate men and tying them up. I mentioned you and he said Stark was the best outstate material the party had and you would be nominated in a fair primary but K.C. would control.

Hastily,  
Clarence