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Major Lloyd C Stark
Louisiana, Mo.

Dear Major Stark:

I am very happy, indeed, that you have the support of the K.C. organization. Your large out state following certainly entitled you to the endorsement.

I do not know of anything that I can say to you since your receiving the endorsement that I haven't been saying since 1932. You were my choice then and have been ever since. I think Mr. Pendergast has named the strongest slate put up in many years. I feel sure that Missouri democracy will accept it in full. I expect to do so and to urge others to do the same. I have been able to get jobs here for seven young people from my county and places elsewhere

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for five others. I know that these people and their family connections will go down the line.

I do not fear Mr. Hirsh in the least. You know he was born and reared in Audrain county in the Rush Hill neighborhood. Some years ago he furnished funds for the beautifying of the Rock Hill cemetery north of Rush Hill, in which his mother is buried. A good many in that

particular locality are Republicans and the Democrats there are the right kind and all friends who have voted with me for years.

Mr. Ferris has been selling seed soy beans and timothy seed to all the elevators in S.E. Missouri for the past several years. He stands high with them and I know he will be able to do you a lot of good with them and through them with the farmers. My son who is in Mr. King's department here has a group of college friends and athletic fans that he can contact for you. As I have told you several times my paper is yours for any publicity you wish.

Personally, I feel that your election is assured but we don't want to overlook any bets. You have a girl workingin your office from Laddonia,--Nellie Lee Hagan. She

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is related to almost every Catholic family in Audrain and Monroe counties. These folks are all good Democrats and of the right kind. They were for Reed, and later for Wilson and Clark. Every one of them in Audrain voted for King.

We are going to be very proud of you as our Governor. You have every qualification to grace the office. I have never met Mrs. Stark but have heard many compliments on her beauty and gracious personality. With you, Judge Gautt, Bob Nuin and Lloyd King the north district will be on the map just as such a strong Democratic section deserves to be.

Please command me and my family and my newspaper to any service where we may be of use.

With all good wishes,
Very truly yours,
Alice Moss Ferris

P.S. I mailed you a report of our state mines. It gives you a mailing list of nearly all operators.