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Col. Lloyd C. Stark,  
Louisiana, Missouri.

My dear Colonel Stark:

I have not replied to your letter of last November for the reason that I have been unusually busy, and it did not seem to me that there was anything that I could suggest or do in your behalf until now.

Judge Frank Monroe asked me for a lineup on Morgan County which I furnished him yesterday. Morgan County is like most of these central Counties, a definite factionalism amounting to a split in the party. This reacted very unfavorably in several of our counties, notably, Moniteau, Morgan and Cooper last election and I am now trying to solve the problem of quieting their disputes. This, of course, has no bearing on your race in the Primary, and I would suggest that no attention be paid to local factionalism for we can probably unify the effort when the time comes. Moniteau County will be solid for you. I would suggest, however, that you write to William Latham of California, and to Dr. J. B. Norman of Tipton.

In Cooper County we will take care of your affairs very nicely. I have not talked to Roy D. Williams of Boonville but I am reasonably sure that he is for you. I have discussed the matter with Frank Waltz, John Windsor and, all of Boonville.

In Bunceton, I would suggest that you write to Dr. R. Q. Kelley. He is a kinsman of

mine and also of Judge Williams.

Here in Pettis County we have developed a faction which will strongly oppose the local organization. I believe, however, that I can turn this back into line for you although Judge Monroes' support will be an obstacle to their falling in line because there is considerable bitterness. I have one or two appointees, who were given to me as patronage by Governor Park, who are very fortunately placed by being in key positions in fraternal organizations. I have asked them to withhold any effort in your behalf until I felt that their efforts would do the most good, as I was a little fearful that over activity in anyones' behalf at this time might cause some affront to the Kansas City organization and might prejudice their jobs.

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I am sure, however, that you will have the support of the Kansas City organization, but my experience has been that they are a little prone to look askance of a job holder who shows to much initiative.

The old Eighth Congressional District comprises the bulk of my influence and I have been very quietly organizing the southern Counties. The main trouble in the District results from the Lozier-Nelson fight in which Mr. Nelson was pleased to align himself with Tuck Milligan and inflamed the feeling against the Kansas City organization.

In the list of names I gave to Judge Monroe for Morgan County, I wish you would particularly stress Senator Robert M. Livesay, who is an old guard Democrat, who like myself was against Will Nelson and who is broad minded enough to see that any fight made on the Kansas City organization or any other organization might bring about defeat. I feel that the time is right to commence to build a show of strength, which will discourage some of the other aspirants who might bring unpleasantness into a campaign. My opposition to the Primary has always been that it is an added expense that only weakens chances in the general election from the feelings and animosities

which are engendered. I would much prefer to organize these counties on the basis of delegates than on the basis of votes, but that is not permitted. I will be glad to have any suggestions you care to make, or your wishes in regard to the campaign I have outlined.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
Charles D. Osborne

*[P.S. I wish that you would write a letter to Mr. Frank J. C? of Sedalia he is president of the state organization WCT. He is one of my appointees and has been working for you greatly for some time. CDO]*