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Major Lloyd C. Stark,
Louisiana, Missouri

My dear Major:-

I was very much gratified to note that Mr. Pendergast had seen wise to throw his support to you. I feel that this assures your nomination and I am confident that you got his support without compromising yourself in any way.

You conducted your campaign in an admirable manner. You did not make it contingent upon his support, but got out and got a good following all over the State. I think you really had the nomination assured before Pendergast ever agreed to support you.

Things are not looking as well as they might and the Democrats are not going to walk in this time.

Of course you can do nothing about it, but it would greatly strengthen the ticket if they would place some good lawyer like Franklin Miller, of St. Louis on the ticket for Attorney General. McKittrick will hurt the ticket and he has never shown any disposition to do any team work with the heads of the other departments and if you are elected Governor, as I feel sure you will be, and he is elected Attorney-General I am afraid he would not work in harmony with you.

I am going over to Jefferson City in a day or two and I am going to talk with some men

there about trying to keep him off of the ticket, but, of course, you can take no part in this.

Our County Collector, our Prosecuting attorney and myself, have been wanting to drive over to Louisiana and see you and the orchard. If you will let me know when you will be there for a day or two we will drive over and begin a front porch campaign.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Spencer

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[Written on back of letter by Lloyd C. Stark: *Of course, I will be glad to see you and your friends in Louisiana at any time. Just now, however, with our busy shipping season at hand and two new catalogues in preparation, I find it necessary to be on the job at the nursery full time, six days a week. Later on, I will have more time to devote to the campaign. Unless unexpected opposition develops, I believe a short, aggressive campaign, starting early in the spring with the opening of headquarters, probably in Jefferson City, would be preferable to a long drawn out affair. What do you think?*]