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Major Lloyd Stark,
Louisiana, Mo.

My dear Major:-

My brother is Cashier of the Boone County National Bank of which R. B. Price is president and principal owner. Lakenan Price, a brother of R. B., is Frank Harris' law partner.

My brother's wife dined with us today. She remarked at the dinner table that Frank was very hopeful of securing Pendergast's support for Governor. I asked her if his running depended upon his getting this support. She said she thought so. In her opinion unless Frank gets Pendergast's assurance in advance, he will not make the race. She thought that he might have some trouble getting Pendergast's support because he had always voted dry. I doubt if any weight should be attached to this suggestion. She said there was a feeling that Pendergast would support this man Gross from Plattsburg, whose only recommendation so far as I have heard, is that he is a warm personal friend of Jas. Aylward's.

In my opinion you would have no trouble in beating Gross (if that be his name) even if he has Pendergast's support because he is wholly unknown outside of that immediate vicinity and has no public record. My understanding is that he makes a specialty of damage suits and that he is rather successful along this line.

I have been intending to stop at Boonville some time and talk to a few fellows there

besides Roy Williams, but it has been so hot that I have not stayed away from home any longer than I had to.

If you and Frank both run, I am rather inclined to the opinion that Frank would beat you in this County, but I doubt if he gets much encouragement to run from this county. In fact he is making no effort but is grounding his hopes solely on Pendergast.

Yours very truly,
R. P. Spencer