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Major Lloyd C. Stark,
Louisiana, Missouri

My dear Major:-

I have your favor of the 3rd advising me of the picnic at Arrow Rock on the 6th inst. I had received an invitation to attend this picnic from Mrs. Jones, the Committeewoman from Saline. I want to be present because I lived in Saline County for several years and practiced law there, moving from there to St. Louis in 1901.

Our County Collector, Mr. W. A. Canole, plans to come to Arrow Rock with me. We had arranged meet you at Macon but the person who agreed to bring us up there was unable to do so.

I am very anxious for a talk with you. As I stated to you once before, I am very strongly inclined to support you for governor, and I rather expect I shall do so, after we have talked matters over.

I have heard rumors that you were in bad with organized labor. Personally this would make no difference whatever to me but it might have an effect upon your availability as a candidate. When Park was chosen at Jefferson City, I was inclined to the opinion that you might be a stronger candidate. In discussing the matter with a Jefferson City man rather prominent in politics he intimated, though he did not say so in so many words, that you had been connected with the Ku Klux Klan. This, if true, would be a great handicap, if indeed it should not prove to be a "boomerang".

Mr. Canole and I will be at Arrow Rock and I hope to get an opportunity to talk these matters over with you.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Spencer