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Major Lloyd C. Stark,
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My dear Major:-

I read your Springfield speech with a great deal of interest. I think you got by in good shape. I wanted to attend this meeting but the roads are bad and I have reached the age that I don't make many long journeys of that kind except when absolutely necessary.

I am sending you some clippings from the Howard County papers containing stuff which I hope will be interesting to you. I really think that Fayette is the very best place for you to open your campaign. I think we would have a tremendous crowd here and I would see to it that they were all fed and that they receive the proper entertainment. It is centrally located and in a town of this size on an occasion of this kind the meeting and the speaking attracts the attention of every one. There are no side amusements. If the weather is pretty we would have the meeting in the new city park which, according to Carr Boggs, is admirably suited for it. If the weather is inclement we will go to the College chapel which has a large auditorium. Give this matter your careful consideration. I have written to Judge Murphy and to Will Ledbetter about it and I think Ledbetter rather favors Fayette as an opening place.

I think you have little reason to be worried over Hirth in so far as Howard County is concerned. While there is a strong anti-Pendergast feeling in this county and Cochran, without much effort, carried the county by 500 majority over Truman, I believe that most of the anti-Pendergast people in the county are of the opinion that you are too big a man

and too independent to be ruled by any one.

Several of us planned to come over to your place this fall but there was no favorable weather. We wanted to see the plant, buy a few maple trees and to call on you a few minutes while there. We will postpone our visit until the apple trees are in bloom.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Spencer