

CC Major Stark

January 31, 1936

Mr. Charles L. Aylward
Columbia National Bank
Kansas City

Dear Mr. Aylward:

Yours of January 30th received. I am glad to note that you have some money on hand and hope you will be able to get your Committee organized during the coming week.

Major Stark, who is in St. Louis today, told me he was unable to see Jim Pendergast while in Kansas City recently, and as I also failed to contact Mr. Pendergast, although I called at his office, it may be that he does not understand the situation fully. I wish you would explain to him that both Major Stark and I tried to reach him and each of us thought the other had done so.

We are not asking Kansas City to do anything other than give the friends of Major Stark who wish to do so an opportunity to join in this state-wide movement to get together and assist in paying the necessary expenses of his campaign, other than those which he desires to take care of personally. If necessary, I will come up and talk to Mr. Pendergast but as you and your brother Sim are in full possession of the facts, I think you can make all the explanation necessary.

I am glad that you contacted Mr. Johnson, State Purchasing Agent, as we have been trying to get hold of a list such as you mentioned for several days. If not too much trouble, I wish you would ask him to send me a list covering firms outside of Kansas City so that we can have our local organizations contact them.

As requested, I am writing Mr. Randall Wilson at Bethany asking him to serve as our representative for Harrison County.

I want you to know that Major Stark, Col. Bouchard and the members of our Committee appreciate your personal good will and the great assistance you have already given us. It is all right to hold your funds there until you get ready to send them in.

Yours sincerely,

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