

Flat River, Mo.

March 2, 1936

Mr. W. M. Ledbetter,

St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

As I told you over the phone, the Kansas City trip was a hurried but satisfactory one. There is no cooling off. I talked to Jim and Chas. Aylward and numerous others and found that the only matter is money. Charlie told me that young Jim had never called him and that he was going along with some personal friends who would not let their contributions now interfere with the fall campaign. That seems to be uppermost in the minds up there, funds for the general campaign. JPA told me that he did not consider it necessary for a big fund for Stark but to go along and do the best possible as he was sure of the thing and that the world knew they were for him. I told Chas. to go ahead in his own way and work along with the fellows up there without creating any dissatisfaction. In other words, any way they wanted to handle it was o. k. with us. It was Jim's idea that the Major should have enough friends around over the state to put up necessary finds without bothering jobholders.

I discussed the committee business with him and it was his opinion that te would be better off without them in view of the setup. Since talking to others, I concur in that opinion. It would be better to let all who desire organize Stark clubs and handle it in their own way. A statement should soon be issued along that line as well as one regarding finances, along with one that any novelties or other advertising matter being sold is purely the idea and responsibility of the organizations so engaged and not on of the Stark organization headquarters.

Waited an hour to see TJ and merely went in and told him that I called to pay my respects and had nothing on my mind. Will tell you more about the trip Saturday unless

my cold gets me down. The Sedalia matter is a mess no doubt and should have been watched. No state or federal employee should be appointed on the finance committee, the same principle applying as in the appointment of other committees. I sent you a copy of letters I wrote Monroe and Bagby at Sedalia. With kindest regards, I am,

Most sincerely,

W. L. Bouchard