

Columbia, Mo.
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Major Lloyd C. Stark
Louisiana
Missouri

Dear Mr. Stark:

As a member of the Democratic Central Committee of Columbia, please allow me to congratulate you upon your entrance into the race for governor. I was greatly interested in the strategy you used in handling the "Boss". However, it is going to be rather difficult to convince people of the truth. I can assure you that I shall do all I can to convince my friends and others that the "Major" is capable of standing on his own feet.

When elected there is one project which I hope to see you out into operation, namely: a constructive program to off-set juvenile delinquency through a preventive program as well as a corrective. I am working with a committee of our own Public Welfare Society, and have a concrete recreational and educational program under way at our Community House. We are using N. Y. A. workers. I shall go to Jefferson City next week to talk with Mr. Buckner, State Director N. Y. A., on enlarging our program.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of U. S. G-Men recently made the statement that properly directed recreational programs for leisure hours would do much to reduce the need for G-Men.

The League of Women Voters is carrying on a campaign to abolish the Spoils System and establish the Merit Principle Appointment. I am enclosing one of the cards which are being circulated.

Wishing you success in your campaign, I am

Very truly yours

Mrs. T. J. Talbert

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