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Mr. William L. Igoe,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Colonel Igoe:

I was very glad to have your letter of the 18th, in which you state that Mr. Dickman's opponent is going to call attention to the fact that out-state Democrats are interested in Mr. Dickmann's success, and that an endeavor will be made to connect that up with the attack which he made on the Pendergast organization. Certainly St. Louis Democrats must realize that all Democrats out- state desire to see a man nominated in St. Louis who can be elected and bring St. Louis in the Democratic column. I feel sure that all out-state Democrats realize that the Democratic Party must carry St. Louis if we hope to continue to carry the State by a safe margin. That being the case, all out-state Democrats are anxious to see the strongest man nominated on the Democratic ticket. In my opinion, that is the reason all out-state Democrats want to see him nominated, and that is certainly the reason I want to see him nominated. I think his opponent will not get very far in attempting to connect Mr. Pendergast with this movement, but no doubt the good and able Democrat that Mr. Pendergast is, would also like to see St. Louis Democrats nominate a man who can be elected Mayor.

If you think it unwise for me to take any further action with the ex-Pike Countians residing in St. Louis, I would be very glad to have you tell me. However, I think I have contacted with most of them. So far, I have only had about one adverse reply and one or two doubtful replies.

I shall drop in to see you the first time I am in town. My congratulations on your appointment as Chairman of the Police Board. I was down there the day you were appointed. I understood from Scott Wilson that you were not in the office so did not get to see you.

Sincerely yours,