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ALBANY, MISSOURI

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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,

Louisiana, Missouri.

My dear Governor:

Our good friend, Dutch Degginger, has just brought to my attention your letter of October 30th.

I am today preparing a written endorsement to be signed by all members of the Central committee. I believe this is the best method of procuring that which you desire.

Very much has occurred since your endorsement by Mr. Pendergast and the writer has been busy in court during all of the ensuing time. Naturally I am overjoyed at that endorsement. Before your endorsement we were absolutely satisfied that you were running excellently in Gentry County. Since your endorsement we have been talking to all of the leading Democrats in the County and they are one hundred per cent for you. I have not heard a discordant note anywhere.

The little flurry that was started for me for Attorney General was, of course, without my knowledge or consent. In view of Mr. Pendergast's endorsement and in view of my absolute refusal to enter politics, I have very gracefully withdrawn and am one hundred per cent for the slate.

Now, Major, so far as Gentry County is concerned everything is splendid. You can direct your efforts elsewhere because I know that the local situation could not be better. We will watch the situation very closely and keep you advised from

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time to time as to developments.

In addition to the above I have seen a good many of the leaders generally in

surrounding counties and I think the same situation exists in all of the Northwest Missouri Counties. I have told my friends that you are not a "machine" candidate but rather that you are a candidate picked by the out State Democrats of Missouri who happens to have "machine" backing. I like this explanation for our rural Democrats.

It is needless for me to say how happy I am that your candidacy is meeting with such universal support. To my knowledge there has never been a candidate in the State who has had so complete a line up of the Democrats for any office.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

F. P. Stapleton

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