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My dear Major:

I have your letter of October 31 and am indeed glad to hear from you. As things develop in this campaign I will be glad to keep in touch with you. I Just received a letter asking me to speak at Warrensburg on December 1 at the Elk's Annual Memorial, and at that time and other places where I am continuously required to go in the state, I will endeavor to keep in touch with the feeling and let you know.

Of course you will not have serious opposition in the primary. General election can present another picture. I am very hopeful of conditions in Missouri and am much encouraged by the recent vote on the corn-hog contracts. I gather that St. Louis isn't in the best imaginable condition; but I really believe that Landon may be nominated for Vice President on the Republican ticket and that will help. I don't believe that he will be

nominated for President. In either event, his nomination on the Republican ticket should be a great help in St. Louis, as he is a notorious prohibitionist. It might be that his nomination would operate to weld the forces of the party together in St. Louis and should operate to get many Republican votes.

I should be glad indeed to see you, Major, when you are in Kansas City.

With respect to the Missouri Bar Association fight, Wilkins stayed with us throughout. We had a very peculiar situation: it took 17 votes on the Council to nominate; I had 16, Cooper had 8, and Hook had 8. In my pocket I also had the proxy of Jim Collet of Salisbury. Under the Constitution of the Bar Association, however, I had to give that proxy to a lawyer from his own circuit, but unfortunately there was no lawyer from that circuit present at the meeting, so I could not use the proxy. That was the only vote I needed. Whitlow of Fulton, my friend, was likewise too late in arriving to attend the

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Council meeting. His vote would have been sufficient. Morgan Moulder of Camdenton had sent me his proxy but it reached my office after I had left for Springfield. That proxy would have been sufficient, if I could have used it, for there were lawyers from his circuit at the meeting.

Mr. Pendergast had been kind enough to enlist the support of our local Councilman for me. Some gentlemen from here, who had been asking and receiving innumerable favors from Mr. Pendergast, published at Springfield that I was Mr. Pendergast's candidate, in order to secure the Republican votes on the Council for their candidate. This was an outrageous thing to do, chiefly because these gentlemen had been asking and receiving favors from him constantly, as I stated above, and because of the use of his name as a football in order to secure Republican votes. The Republicans on the Council, of course, were all politicians and when Mr. Hook dropped out I received none

of their votes, and therefore was defeated. Under the circumstances and since this unfair method was resorted to, I would a thousand times rather have gone down in defeat with Mr. Pendergast than to have won by the use of the methods resorted to by the other gentlemen. Of course, Mr. Pendergast had no idea of interfering in the affairs of the Missouri Bar Association and, in fact, has no interest in the affairs of that Association that I know of. When I see you I will tell you the details of the situation.

You may be assured that I shall do everything within my power, whatever it may be, to aid you in this fight and particularly in the general election.

Again thanking you for your letter and hoping that I may see you at some early date, I remain

Sincerely your friend

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