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My Dear Sir:

I am sure you do not remember meeting me at the reception given in your honor by Mrs. Tomlinson and others. I am not an office-holding Democrat, and I seek no office, but I am greatly interested in the success of the state and national ticket this year.

I am taking the liberty of asking you to seriously consider the suggestion that you make a public declaration to the effect that in the event of your election you will not appoint Mr. Emmett O'Malley to the office of Commissioner of Insurance; unless you do this you are going to seriously hurt the ticket; it might be the means of losing the state. You have no idea of the terrific feeling that has grown up over Mr. O'Malley's assault upon the fraternal insurance companies; and while I am not interested in the fraternal insurance companies, it is very bad political psychology at this particular point to have a man in the office of Commissioner who is attempting to put those companies all out of business, and with the idea prevailing that you will reappoint him to that office. Mr. O'Malley has no following in Kansas City; I have lived here 30 years and know whereof I speak. He has always been a disturbing element; has little if any political sense. Senator James A. Reed broke with Woodrow Wilson over O'Malley. Reed tried to induce the President to name O'Malley to the position of Post Master at Kansas City, and Woodrow

Wilson, having investigated O'Malley, refused to do so; and from then on Jim Reed began to abuse Woodrow Wilson.

With the unfortunate row in the Democratic party in Jackson County, which descended to the level of Billingsgate and personal abuse the last few days preceding the primary, we are not in very good condition in Missouri this year. If Hirth should throw his influence to Barrett and this fraternal insurance fight goes on with the threat of Mr. O'Malley being reappointed to the office of commissioner, I have a feeling that Missouri will go Republican. You can eliminate the O'Malley feature by letting the public understand that you will

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appoint to the office of Commissioner of Insurance a fair, disinterested, high class, capable man who will work that matter out in a disinterested and an entirely legal manner.

I trust you will understand the spirit in which this letter is written, I have only the welfare of the party at heart.

Very truly yours,

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