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Pleasant Hill, Mo.,
Sept. 2nd, 1936.

Major Lloyd Stark,
Louisiana, Mo.
Dear Sir: -

I managed Bennett Clark's campaign in Cass County and was a member of Milligan's Committee. Am a brother of Dr. A. J. Clay of St. Charles and Dr. Colin Clay of Augusta, both close personal friends of Clarence Cannon's. Have met you many times at legion meetings. Rufus Jackson and I dined with you at the state convention in Jefferson City three years ago.

Since 1932 men who supported Bennett and Tuck have been denied state appointments. In this county as well as many others good democrats have been refused employment because they were not "Right with the Pendergast organization." In many cases the Organization was against the applicants rather than applicants against them.

Recently we had a test case here. I took the post office examination knowing just where I stood. Made the highest grade, had the indorsement of our Congressman and of course Bennett's support. The appointment was blocked by

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Jim Pendergast because of my support of Milligan. A Petition was circulated without my knowledge that listed the names of over four hundred servicemen and their families. All you so desire, you can obtain all facts from Bennett and Tuck. This case merely climaxed what has been brewing for sometime.

Friends of Bennett and Tuck have had two recent meetings. Several suggested the active support of Jesse Barrett. There is no record in my family of anyone ever having supported a republican.

I believe that it will be of advantage to you to have this affair straightened out and have Jim Pendergast assure the supporters of Bennett and Milligan that they will be given a square deal in the future.

We are meeting again September 14th and I shall appreciate very much a reply from you by that time.

Respectfully yours,
Dr. Grover Clay