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ADDRESS REPLY TO:  
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Major Lloyd C. Stark,  
Democratic Candidate for Governor,  
Louisiana, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Stark:

First, I want to compliment you upon the dignified and businesslike stand you have taken with reference to the political tricks that have been used to involve you and your party into a clothesline fight.

I am thoroughly disgusted with all of this Prendergast talk, knowing as I do that the Republican Political Organization in St. Louis would not hesitate to take advantage of every trick known to the professional politician to gain their point. To my mind the only difference between the two is that Prendergast has the brains and the courage while the bunch here in St. Louis is deficient in both of these qualities.

Barrett did not rise up in righteous wrath over the onesided vote he received in the river wards here in St. Louis when he was a candidate for the nomination for Attorney General. The fact is that this condition of affairs has been going on here in St. Louis for years, and in this last State Primary could only have been brought about by the active cooperation and collusion of the Republican Committeemen and their precinct chairmen in the wards in question. This might well be explained to out State voters, and probably

City voters alike. In 1932 my Dad was the unhappy victim of these almost unanimous precinct returns when running for the Republican Nomination for Secretary of State against the same man who happens to now be the Republican Nominee for the Office of Secretary of State.

I am writing this letter to let you know, as a son of Pike County, and as a Republican, that my household and myself are for Stark for Governor. It is a pleasure to inform you that such small influence that I may have shall be exercised in this direction.

Yours very truly,  
Claude C. Findley

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