

The Franklin Life Insurance Company

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Hon. Loyd C. Stark,
LOUISIANA, MO.

Dear Mr. Stark: In reply to your letter of inquiry as to your candidacy for Governor, will say I am in favor of you if you are not lined up with the Pendergast Machine, as I as well as the majority of the people in this section of the State are against anyone he sponsors, as they know he will have the say about the patronage, to a great extent, and they don't like the idea of being ruled by machine politics, as we all know you don't get a fair deal for the people in general.

I went down the line for Geo. H. Moore for Governor, Bennett Champ Clark for U. S. Senato, and they ask me to help Tuck Milligan which I done and was either lucky, or done a good job, as he got the largest majority in our County of any other County in the State except his home County.

It looks very much to me as Senator is trading us little folks of right now for fellows like Geo. H. Moore, and Hamp Rothwell, and trying to feather his nest with Pendergast for his re-election, which means he will have to depend on Pendergast bunch as the people in the country and St. Louis elected him before, and he hasn't taken care of his friends, as he should, even ignoring correspondence, and they sure are going to remember him in our section of the state about it, but now he trades with Truman and lets him have Seniority in this part of State. Also I don't think the majority of people are pleased with the present Governor or his staff as they seemm to be gagged and throttled by Pendergast, now and last election, both Primary and General, and the majority are not in favor of it, so if you are clear of that bunch which I am almost certain you are, as I have formed a good opinion of you from what I have seen in the papers about you, and what I have heard said, leads me to believe you would make the State of Missouri a good Governor, probably as good as Frederick Gardner which will be hard to do, if I am any

judge.

Your chances in this section of the State will all depend on the line up the people think you belong to, and I would naturally suppose you would do good in St. Louis, which wouldn't be bad, but they have it in for the Kansas City bunch good and strong.

If you haven't already I would write Dr. R. E. Hogan, and Dave Hogan West Plains, Mo. as they can do you some good if you are on the right line, have done it for Senator Clark and now he lets Truman come in and do things for his friends, and they are in a notion for some one besides Kansas City Candidate which will be Alyward if he will run I think.

I think your chance would be good here if you are on right side, so let me hear from you in regard to thing mentioned, and will do all possible if it sounds right.

Yours truly Walker C. Johnson
Atlon Mo

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