[page 1] K.C. Mo. 1-18-38 Gov Stark Jefferson City, Mo.

My Dear Sir, Judging from the reports I get in small towns and rural districts I believe you are honking your horn too strong for <u>Stark</u>. See our town when it was announced you had, just as a starter, appointed 700 in MO. and in that small town 7 the remarks around town were something like this. "There is where the money for old age pension is going" etc.

Previous to this increase one woman had handled the work. Previous to her apt. a [MS. illegible] of four were there. Three of them were men who went on with their own work and the woman took care of the work for old age pensions.

You have your wagon hitched to a "Star" in [MS. illegible]. This vote probe will give you the proper propaganda necessary. It also has proven the illegality of your position.

From what I gather you believe another string attached to your wagon might lead to wash so you go about honking your horn with a great deal of gusto about weeding out the clusters of the aged. You must have request your staff to reduce 100

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regardless of the business men in our town announced if these 100 needy & old should be dropped they should refuse to pay the tax.

Most of these aged people in small towns & rural districts have payed taxes for years and where is it showered now. All over this country and especially, as every one knows, in MO. to buy votes by adding & adding onto the expert investigating crowd. People glance over their local paper read: Gove Stark appoints 700 1 to start with, to delve deeply into and weed out chiselers among the old people. Mary Rles, new office just created, salary \$3600, Melone Sand \$3000 etc. On and on the taxpayer can read about the wonderful burst of honesty handed out by a product of Pendergast.

If the blind salaries, relief, W.P.A. & pensions were weeded out and Pendergasts friends, and people have the idea they are yours & these include, [MS. illegible], thugs, [MS. illegible] & some of all foreign countries were weeded out by your experts there would be plenty for all older needy who have & are now supporting this Gov. which is handled & managed by Farley & Pendergast & their henchmen.

There are chiselers, I've known a man here for years. He lives in Kans & draws a pension on & in the state of Mo. In the mean time where are the efficiency experts. Taxpayer