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Governor Lloyd Stark  
Jefferson City, Mo.

My dear Governor:

That was a splendid declaration you made touching the appointment of the right kind of election commissioners for Kansas City! It happens in politics, even more than in other walks of life, that a man having reached a high place and starting out with a heart full of great hopes and purposes must be content in the end to attain some of his aims and purposes, and if he does that he shall have done well and the people shall usually be satisfied.

I should like to have stopped at Jefferson City on my way from Kansas City to the East, but thought I had better wait until the legislature had folded its tents. - But some things that seem to be circulating around everywhere and are even talked about in the Pullman smokers cause me to write this hasty letter en route at St. Louis. - The belief seems to be wide-spread that the test of the present administration will be the appointment of a new insurance commissioner and the set-up in that department. Most people expect confidently that the governor is a smart man and that he will appoint a "good and well-balanced man" in place of the present "highly temperamental" incumbent who has been the victim of the bad advisers with which he had surrounded himself in his office - -

It seems that the insurance scandal will not down in the consciousness of the people and will revived if O'M. were reappointed; and we all feel that your attitude is right and that a change is necessary. - Even T. P. has been embarrassed by O'M. although he would not say so openly.

But nevertheless O'M. is a sincere and loyal man and a good link in the chain.

Though he is not fitted for a chief executive in an important department, it seems to me and to many of the boys that something ought to be done for him - and that he ought to be let down easy. For in the right place he is a good man and a stout fighter.

I am not presuming to give you advice, dear Governor, you are not only a man of integrity and character, but also a shrewd man of great practical intelligence - as I have found out - and I know that you will do the right thing, the difficult thing - to protect the people's interest without weakening the party organization if it can be helped, and I feel