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Governor Guy B. Park,

Jefferson City, Mo.

PERSONAL

Dear Governor Park:

I understand there is a good deal of back-biting politically in Missouri. I have been informed that certain gentlemen who are not friendly to me went to Dr. Wilson and informed him that my brother and I did not support Francis Wilson in the past campaign.

Of course this was a ridiculous statement Dr. Wilson not knowing us. From the information we had received apparently he believed such statements. Maurice wrote Dr. Wilson a letter about this situation and sent Mr. Leedy a copy of it and received in reply a very nice letter from Dr. Wilson.

I understand now that certain gentlemen have informed you that I have made certain statements about you. This is absolutely false and I will face anyone who makes such a statement. I understand you were informed that I exhibited a cartoon carried in a certain St. Louis paper at Francis Wilson's funeral. There was such a cartoon in a St. Louis paper. I bought a paper when I left the Baltimore Hotel for the funeral and I showed that cartoon to Covell Hewitt, Dr. Mathews, Frank Hamilton and someone else, stating as I remember my exact words that this was a dirty campaign that apparently the St. Louis papers would use. These may not have been my exact words but was the purport of the conversation. I also showed this paper to my brother Maurice who was at the funeral. These are the only people I showed the cartoon to. I assure you there was no malice on my part in showing such a cartoon. There was no secret about it as the paper covered the State of Missouri.

I want to state further that certain accusations were made in Kansas City against you by a certain republican to two democrats, one of them a prominent democrat, relating to your connection with the race track. I told these gentlemen at the time that of course such a thing was ridiculous and not true, that you were absolutely honest and even if you were dishonest you had more sense than to get into such a thing as that. I told these two gentlemen that I would like to talk to the republican who made the statement and if he had such documentary evidence, or if he could present documentary evidence of any connection whatever, which would connect you in any way with any such activities, that I would guarantee that you would get out of

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the race. I requested these two gentlemen to get in touch with this republican and bring him to my room at the Baltimore Hotel, which they did. When this gentleman called from the desk that he was coming up, desiring to have a witness I went out of my room and found a very prominent democrat in the state who was for you, as a witness to the conversation. We had our conversation and it of course developed that this republican could not furnish any such information as he had stated and the lie was nailed at its source. If I had been hostile to you I would not of course taken the action I did. I think Jimmy Pendergast and Jim Alyward can give you the information as to whether or not I was for you as we had a conversation on the way to St. Louis the night of Francis Wilson's death.

I have hesitated to write you this letter because I could not believe you were a man that would accept every statement that is made. Of course I have political enemies in ay district and I know who they are. I am writing this letter so you may have the facts before you.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. L. Milligan

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