

October 9, 1936

Mr. H. V. Shirts  
Cameron, Missouri

Dear Mr. Shirts:

Replying to your letter of October 7 concerning alleged political conditions in Kansas City, advise that the Election Board of that city is made up of splendid, reputable citizens, and following my instructions are now engaged in striking from the list many names that should not be on the list.

The Kansas City Star, intensively Republican, has for the past twenty-five years made the same charges just prior to election. They do not recall, however, the time when in 1928, the Republicans being in power, Democratic voters were thrown in basements of buildings, drugged, and prohibited from voting.

So far as your slot machines are concerned, when I was Circuit Judge, were permitted to operate in my entire district. Your local officers and your judge can correct this situation. I can't.

Very truly yours,

Governor