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Hon. Guy B. Park,
Governor, State of Missouri,
Jefferson City, Mo.

Sir:

It has been called to my attention your reason for not appointing me Secretary of the State Athletic Commission after being indorsed by the Organization and Hon. Thos. J. Pendergast was, because I did not pay you the courtesy of coming and asking for the position.

If this be of information to you, I would never ask other than our Leader, Mr. Pendergast, for anything politically. The ethics of our Organization has taught me that; and when you have become as thoroughly schooled in the Organization as I have been from a mere boy up, I believe you will appreciate my education.

But to clear your vision in the matter, I wish to state two weeks ago, prior to this appointment, I was at Mr. Sam Hargus office enroute home from StLouis. In the office at the time endeavoring to see you I met Peter J Kelly and Hon. Wm.Hicks. Mr. Hargus seemed bewildered at the mass of humanity milling in and out of the offices, stating you

could not be seen account of an important conference that would last many hours. It was my sincere intention to greet you briefly and give you the respects of several Platte County boys who asked me to extend them, but I assure you, I would never have mentioned appointments.

My frank reason for addressing you is: I do not intend to have Mr. Pendergast think me rude, and I dare say in his behalf now, I don't think it would set well with him if anyone intimated I had been rude.

I gave you a great number of votes thru my organization, a share of the organization within the great Pendergast organization. I am proud to state I am one of his leaders here in his personal First District. I had the great honor and respect of Francis Wilson, and Francis Wilson often told me it would be one of his happiest appointments to see a capable man at the head of the Athletic Commission.

In your appointment of the gentleman you have appointed, I wish to extend congratulations. I wish also to wish you a happy and prosperous Administration.

Respectfully,
Jimmy Hurst