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T. A. DODGE

MILAN. MO.

October 13, 1833.

Governor Guy B. Park

Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Governor Park:

Am enclosing a clipping from the Kansas City Times today (Friday), and I am wondering if there is a Democrat in the state of Missouri that knows Senator Morgan's record as I do; and, if he knows it, would he be willing to tell it like I told it in the Milan Standard a few years ago. I covered the entire front page of the Milan Standard at one time with the exposition of a speech Senator Morgan made in Putnam county wherein he said he was offered a bribe to vote for some certain legislation that came up in the legislature. I criticized his statement and asked him why he did not denounce the fact that he was offered the bribe during the session of the legislature. You understand, Governor, I could not have printed anything like that (called him a liar) unless I could prove that he was a liar. Before I printed it in the Milan Standard I went to Unionville and got affidavits from such men as Neal Marshall, President of the Marshall Bank, and others, before I could print it. The only reason I printed it was, because I believed in and wanted to uphold the principles of the Democratic party. In publishing that article, Morgan had the right to sue me, and I was responsible, at that time, for everything I said in that article. After reading the enclosed article, and knowing Morgan as I know him, I wonder whether there is a man in Missouri, especially a newspaperman, who will, or could, really be capable of defending you against his attacks, which will continue from now on? Morgan never answered that article, because it was all true. Now he is selected to be the publicity man to attack you and the Democratic administration. This is just a start of a concerted campaign of what Morgan, Arthur Hyde, Winter and many others contemplate doing to your administration. The Milan Republican, edited by Prank Eubanks, and other Republican newspapers, will reproduce that article and all other articles written by Morgan in the future. (Yet Ralph Eubanks, a son of the editor of the Milan Republican is still employed under Cutler in the Highway Department.) Cutler is one of Hyde's closest friends. It should not be necessary for me to tell you any more.

If you will hunt up my correspondence with you (if you preserved it) you will see where I said that I believed that I could be of service to you in your administration in many different ways. This is only one of them. There are hundreds of different political angles in the state, Governor, that you have never had an opportunity to familiarize yourself with, because you have not come in contact with them, and the Morgan instance

is only one of them. I do not claim to be smart, but from what I hear from this part of the state, the present administration is going to need every ounce of political brains and shrewdness in the state to steer the old ship of Democracy safely to shore in the next election. It does not matter who takes part in it, but it is going to have to be Democrats who have worked, watched and labored for the party for many years, irrespective of all the young Democrats who are securing the best places in the administration.

I would like to help. I know I can help, yet, from some cause that is not fair and right, I have not been asked for my service, notwithstanding I have a record for party service that I am not afraid to match with any Democrat in Missouri, or any other state.

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I have never received a penny, yet I have worked three hundred and sixty-five days each year for thirty years for ray party. Do you know any other Democrat, anywhere, who has given that kind of service?

I have picked up a few letters from my files I am sending you in the same mail with this one, that I ask you to take about one hour of your time to glance over. They cover quite a period of my service, and I ask, after you look them over, they be returned to me. After reading them, if you believe I am worthy of consideration to be a member of your administration, and you believe I can help anywhere, where I can make an honest living for myself and family, I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely your friend,

Tom Dodge

Governor this is a P. S.: There has been several appointments given to Sullivan county, but the man who has changed Sullivan county from a Republican to a Democratic county, has been ignobly and unjustly ignored, and I do not believe you have been informed of that fact, Governor.

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G.O.P. BLAST AT PARK

INDORSEMENT OF PENDERGAST GROUP BRINGS CRITICISM.

Senator Morgan, Head of Publicity Bureau, Directs a Letter to Republican Press in His First Attack.

JEFFERSON CITY BUREAU

THE KANSAS CITY STAR

JEFFERSON City, Oct. 12.-- The first blast at the new Democratic administration in Missouri by the new Republican publicity bureau was fired today by Senator J. G. Morgan in criticizing the indorsement by Governor Park of the Pendergast organization of Kansas City. To hundreds of outstate newspapers Morgan today sent the following observations:

"Those familiar with the current tendencies in Missouri politics were not surprised when Governor Park in a public speech in Kansas City September 29 indorsed T. J. Pendergast as one of Missouri's finest citizens, and indorsed the so-called 'Pendergast machine' as an outstanding example of righteous government.

"This public indorsement came right on the heels of a terrific indictment of the machine and its policies by two Democratic circuit judges and one grand jury. People generally over Missouri know something of the sinister influence of this machine without being told, but a public indorsement of it and its works by our governor occasioned many a gasp of surprise."

In commenting on the approaching special session of the legislature to raise additional revenue, the publicity organ wonders "what has happened to the millions of dollars saved by the last legislature, and which was so thoroughly broadcast over the state."

"It is interesting to contrast the plan of Governor Park with that followed by Governor Caulfield," the Republican senator wrote, "When faced with declining revenues, Caulfield met the issue by making each governmental agency reduce its expenses 26 per cent. This was done, a deficit averted and the people were not called upon to pay more taxes. It is strange that no Democrat has thought of anything to meet the emergency except to levy more taxes."