

My Dear Mr. Wilson:

Just in receipt of your good and heartening letter which was forwarded to my temporary quarters here. It was fine of you to write me as you did and much appreciated.

Of course there are some who are never quite happy unless fighting the dominant Democratic organization of Jackson county headed by Mr. T. J. Pendergast. Chief among these are Republicans and their newspapers, who hate him and his organization for the wolloping he gives them in Jackson county and for the fine fight he has always put up for the Democratic nominees in our state elections. I am wondering what the answer would be to Democrats, who complain of his political preferences and are willing in a primary to fight any Democrat he thinks should receive the nomination, if the question was put to them as to the fate of our party in this state in the general election without the organization strength in Jackson County. In our last election this vote overwhelmed Republican candidates, newspapers, orators by giving candidates for office in Jackson county majorities reaching as high as 65,000 and to our state ticket practically the same majorities. Is such an organization strength, headed in part by such a splendid fighter as Mr. Pendergast to be denied expressing preferences for state officers. I think not.

I hope to be in Fulton before long and talk the situation over with you and other friends.

Sincerely your friend,

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*[P.S. This letter was in reply to a report he was wanting on Montgomery Co. & he carried it - as per my prediction.*

*Wilson]*