

Dear Friend Jesse:

On my way to Sunday School and Church this morning -Fred Windsor – your friend and mine told me – when I mentioned you would no doubt be nominated for Govenor he said he had written you not to enter the race Now he hadn't given the future any thought whatever - all he had in mind was that – Stark – had the -“Rotten Pendergast” –

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vote stealing machine in mind and that then the Democrats would steal the election. However when we finished our talk he said I must be right and that he was strong for you and would help me in every way to organize and help nominate you and then do all he could to elect you. I told him that the People regardless of past politics were determined to smash – Stark and Pendergast. I told him if I were a Democrat I would prefer

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to vote for Tom Pendergast than Stark – as [the] of the Present Governor would prove Stark to be just as Big [MS. illegible] in the hands of Pendergast and the Dieckman Gang in St. Louis.

So don't let any one discourage you now as sure as you are alive at the 1936 election we will beat – “Hell” – out of Pendergast and the Crooks in the Democratic Party.

It's snowing today

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and I hope it continues so we may have a White Christmas.

My guess is that every – “Northern State-” will line up for the G. O. Party next year.

With best wishes –

Sincerely –

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At Home

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