

January 11, 1937.

Mr. Lowell E. Johnson,
Commerce Building,
Kansas City,
Missouri.

Dear Lowell:

I understand from a Washington friend that he has talked with Minority Leader Bertrand H. Snell, and that Snell promises every aid possible if you and Paul Byrum want to bring election contests.

Of course, you know that the standing rule of the House provides an attorney's fee of \$2,000.00, and, I think, makes allowance for all necessary expenses. Filing the contest would result in the appointment of a sub-committee of the House Committee on Elections to go to Kansas City and investigate the charges of fraud. It would probably be of considerable help in exposing the conditions.

I am wondering if you have given the matter of contest any serious thought. I believe there are a great many honorable Democrats as well as Republicans who would be very grateful to you if you did so.

With best regards,

Cordially yours,

JWB/CH