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Mr. Jesse W. Barrett
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Dear Jess:

I have your letter of January 11th informing me of Minority Leader Snell's observations and promises; together with Paul Byrum we are checking into this question of election contests. Prior to the election we had some rather definite ideas that we would contest the election. When the vote, however, went so one-sided, we dropped the matter. The present Grand Jury investigation, however, is disclosing such a tremendous fraud that we are going to check into it again. My thought is that it may now be too late. Have not yet examined the question of the time within which such a contest must be filed but my recollection is that it must be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives within thirty days from the date of the official count.

I very much appreciate hearing from you, Jess. Have intended writing you since the election but have been so busy trying to get back into the practice of law that I simply did not get around to writing letters. I want you to know, however, that I am not particularly downhearted over what occurred November 3rd. Rather, I feel that it was worth all the

time and effort that I put into it just to have had a part in a fight that I am more convinced than ever was for the right. I know there's nothing practical in defeat and little good it does any of us to try to find consolation in having been for the right even though we lost. It sounds good in a speech and that is about all that can be said for just efforts at consoling ourselves. I think, however, that you especially of our ticket should draw consolation from the fact that you certainly gave your best to the campaign and it was not your fault that the results turned out as they did. Best of good luck to you and I think I know you well enough to know you're not downhearted nor are you ready to give up to the gang. What happened Nov. 3rd doesn't mean they're right. As I look back I only marvel that you could pile up the votes you did against such a great paid and controlled voting machine all over the state, coupled with the vote steal that we know occurred.

Best of good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell R. Johnson

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