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Mr. Jess W. Barrett,
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Dear Jess:

Thank you for your letter of January 27th. I have been so busy haven't had time to answer until today.

I agree with you that it might give the appearance of outside interference by the State Republican Committee if you took personal part in the campaign, but you certainly can jog up some of your Republican friends, as you indicated.

The attitude the President has taken on the Milligan appointment has been a wonderful help to us. Mr. Pendergast called my good friend, Shook, a Republican for his

activities against the machine. He calls the Governor even worse than that. I am now wondering what he thinks of the President of the United States and what terms he will apply to him. Of course, he feels that I am not worth his notice, but I believe we are going to give him a real shock in the early future.

Again thanking you, Jess, for your interest in ridding Missouri of the machine influence, and also for taking time to write me personally, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Frederick E. Whitten

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