

March 11, 1938.

Hon. I. N. Watson,
Dierks Building,
Kansas City,
Missouri.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have yours of yesterday and I immediately got in touch with Curtis Betts of the Post-Dispatch and read him the entire letter. He told me that the Post-Dispatch would at once start checking up.

I am also going to try to get some information through a private source. It would be very helpful if we could uncover a situation of that sort.

I think St. Louisans understood very well that there was no need for polling a large vote in the primary. Because of this very fact, however, they were surprised at the size of the Pendergast vote. It looks as though the machine were functioning perfectly and will do so again on election day. I hope the coalition ticket will get the widespread support it deserves. It seems to me enough has happened to make the blood boil in every decent citizen, but somehow Kansas City does not react normally.

The Missouri Finance Committee of the Republican National Committee has raised a considerable amount of money for this year's campaign, and I talked last month with Manvel Davis, Bill Byers and some others, saying that it seems to me entirely proper for some of that money to be used in Kansas City. They were to talk with Mr. Queeny (the Committee Chairman) and others, and I have not heard the result. If money is needed for the coalition campaign, it ought to be available.

I wrote Fred Whitten asking what I could do. and I had a very kindly personal reply,

but with no duties assigned. I still stand ready to do anything at this end of the line which would in anywise contribute to success. I have already written a good many personal friends in Kansas City asking them to give all the help they could.

I am glad you are keeping active. I think you have done a magnificent work.

Hoping to see you again before long, and meanwhile, with best wishes and regards,

Cordially yours,

JWB/CH