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Hon. Jesse W. Barrett  
506 Olive Street  
St. Louis Missouri:

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thanks for your letter of 12th, replying to my recent letter, am at all times glad to hear from people who sincerely oppose the regime of the outlaw Pendergast outfit. Am especially glad to hear from members of the Missouri Bar, who take the position of opposing the Pendergast rule in the open. As a matter of fact many members of the Missouri Bar have been greatly corrupted by the nefarious schemes of the henchmen and subjects of Pendergast.

It is time for the decent and dignified members of the Missouri bar to dis-regard Party lines, and take a definite stand against the further corruption of legal procedure in Missouri, the Insurance scandals, Engineered by Pendergast Lawyers, are deplorable, and as soon as the general public becomes informed of the manner in which these Lawyers and a few members of Trial Court Judiciaries proceeded in depriving people of Hundreds of Millions of Dollars, of Insurance holdings, entirely without due process of

law, that alone will go a long way toward swinging the State from further Pendergast rule.

Yes I will support Republican Candidates in 1938, especially since Dalton is not heading your Committee any further, as he and a few more of your leaders are also tainted with Pendergast connections.

I know quite a bit about the State set up, in the Democratic circles, and I have pressed Roosevelt, Gov. Stark and Atty Gen McKittrick all possible to take stands against the Outlaw Gang, they have responded some, but not sufficient to be satisfactory. It has been proven that General election Vote frauds can be prosecuted in Federal Courts with success, and if they undertake to steal in the November election in St. Louis as they have in the past, sufficient heat can be put on with Roosevelt and Atty Gen Cummings offices to get a special prosecutor appointed to handle the situation. Of Course we all know that Blanton would take orders from the Pendergast machine, as he is a Clark man, and to my personal knowledge, Clark sold out to the K.C. Life and Pendergast.

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During the past three Years, I have assembled considerable information of the manner in which Pendergast henchmen, have organized corruption over the entire State. Seems as though considerable has been exposed, but the surface has not been scratched as yet, they have scared some people out, but am one that refuses to be scared, They have threatened me with Federal prosecution for sending thru the U.S. mails statements regarding their stealing and other unlawful acts, and for calling them names, but as a matter of fact, it would be impossible to libel one of Pendergast's henchmen or one of his subjects, unless something good was said about them. I am in position to prove what they are and they know it, therefore they have never been able to get anywhere towards filing Federal Charges against me.

I know some of the Post office Inspectors, and they are my friends, as they believe as I

do, in the American form of Government. And they are not Political appointees either, Pendergast men have been crying to Post office inspectors about my letters for a long time.

The Star -Times at one time were close with me in opposing the outlaw outfit, but after I engineered the program of getting the Dwight Brown Story more than a Year ago, certain St. Louis Henchmen of Pendergast managed to throttle the Star- Times, and it seems that the Globe Democrat accept advise from the wrong people. The St. Louis Post Dispatch are O.K. they go on down the line, and they are not afraid of the outlaw outfit.

I trust that some good man can be found to accept the U.S. Senate nomination on the Republican ticket, some man who is acceptable to organized labor, as Labor organizations dont like Clark or Pendergast, and I assure you that an organization of Democrats can be formed in every County, who will go out and work for the right kind of a Republican candidate. After Clark sold out his patronage to K.C. Life to be delivered to Pendergast which has been done, he recieved some thirty thousand letters from Missouri Democrats, which amount of letters he did not answer, as he had nothing to give them, and these Democrats are all over the State and they are plenty sore, and since we found definately that he sold out Tuck Milligan in 1934, that added to his enemy list.

They have tried to satisfy as many key men as possible in various parts of the State, but in most instances, these so-called key men are fellows that can not do anything much in a campaign, the fellows who really delivered Votes for Clark in 1932 primary and for Tuck Milligan in 1934, have been discriminated against, as the entire patronage has been handed to the Truman men, the Cochran Democrats are all pretty sore also.

It is true that a large Democratic Vote was rolled up in 1936, part of which was fraud votes, not only in K.C. and also people were voting for Roosevelt. This Year with Clark heading the State ticket is really the logical time for Republicans to be elected.

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Insurance writers have warned the people throughout the Nation, that to invest their money in Missouri, while the Pendergast wolves control the State Government, that such is unsafe. In fact this State is disgraced before the Nation, as a direct result of Pendergastrule.

I made an investigation as to how the solvent Continental Life Ins. Co holdings were stolen by R. Emmett O'Malley and his Lawyers, and the entire procedure was so flagrant, as to be startling, and I also become more less familiar with the manner in which the Pendergast Lawyers stole other Insurance holdings. The Kansas City Life being the fence, as loot taken from other Companies under the false pretense that they were insolvent, has been lodged with K.C. Life. In this Insurance transaction, in setting up the Wholesale Insurance, steal the K.C. Life had Clark in their clutches, and Pendergast had the Insurance Department, a deal was made whereby Clark, Pendergast and K.C. Life become co-operators, Pendergast demanded and received Clarks patronage, in order to kill him politically in his own rights, E.S. Villmoare Jr who is the son of the Vice Pres. of the K.C. Life was placed in Clarks office to handle the patronage, which he has done, which has been done to the entire satisfaction of Pendergast.

In the deal several of Clarks Lawyer friends were taken care of, in the way of O'Malley making them attorney's for the State Ins. Dep't. paying them with money which was stolen from Insurance Investors, and paying them large, even excessive fee's. I Cite the Instance of Earnest A. Green, also others which you can recall. Other Democratic Lawyers such as Russell Dearmont were taken care of with Political appointments, all this in order to eliminate Logical candidates who might rise and oppose them.

We people who were backing Milligan Re-appointment to the U.S. Atty office knew that we could not depend on Clark, and we did not, but we put on sufficient heat to get the appointment over, regardless of Clark and Truman. We knew that Clark had sold out

Maurice Milligan just as he did Tuck Milligan in 1934, and we went to the presses and to other people and organized for Months, and we used these Insurance scandals along with the Vote frauds and other crimes of the Pendergast men, and you saw, the job was put over in a big way. I went to people, officials and presses, and other prominent people with all these scandals and put it up to them to either support law and order side, or the organized criminals, and told them that no middle ground was available, to identify themselves on one side or the other.

It is really startling, that so many people have been corrupted, that so many people have been bribed, with political favors, and with funds which were stolen from rightful owners by Pendergast henchmen, so many members of the Missouri Bar are involved in the vast irregular procedure of the the Pendergast set-up. Even a few Republican leaders are in the clutches of the outlaw organization, a huge nefarious scheme has been engineered to try and deprive the people of the their rights of franchise, and these issues properly presented, will get plenty of Democratic votes for Republican Candidates, as people are more broad -minded then some may think, and they reliaze that it is is necessary to have the two major political parties.

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Some of us are pressing Roosevelt to take the WPA and other Federal Patronage, away, from Pendergast and his henchmen, and we are presenting the facts that such is being used by them in violation of all codes of moral ethics, and also in violation of laws. We have been on this for some time now, now since we had success with the Milligan appointment we are more hopeful. We have found all the District offices, the investigating offices which are over Missouri and other nearby states, to be in the clutches of Pendergast same as Murray's office at Jeff. City, and there is so much corruption in the WPA, that it is really deplorable,, Any and all Departments which are in the hands of these henchmen and subjects are filled with graft and corruption.

As formerly stated, the surface has not been even scratched as yet, in the exposure of Pendergast scandals, he has a fine set-up of henchmen in St. Louis, the Mayor of the State's Major City, one of the large Bankers of St. Louis and one of the presses here have been doing the bidding of Pendergast so far as they could, without being subjected to criticism.

I have plenty on them, and I know how to use it, and am willing to assist in electing some good Republicans, and I will do plenty, but do not care to waste any of my time, with Republicans who are in the least dominated by the outlaw outfit, or by any of their henchmen and subjects, I have had such experience with several Democrat's and that kind of people, are beneath my notice.

I have taken the liberty of discussing these matters with you, only after I was convinced that you looked upon the State situation in the manner similiar to Judge Reeves, Maurice Milligan and myself. I am on record against these hoodlums who do the bidding of Pendergast, and I have refused their bribes, have refused to be bluffed by them, and they have even resorted to unlawful tactics to try to prevent me from exposing their corruption, but I will continue to put the heat on them, and am in possession of information, to enable me to do this, and I have contacts to get as much more information, as I desire.

I again say, that in view of such serious situation existing in the State that people should endeavor to correct the State situation, before giving National affairs much attention, Clark sold out the Independant Missouri Democrats who made him Senator, sold out to the people who opposed him, and he become a party to setting up a regime in this State, which has done more and greater corrupt acts in five Years, then has been done in the State by all former Administrations added together, since Missouri become a State, this is a broad statement, nevertheless it is true and can be proven.

Peoples property has been taken from them in amounts ranging into not only Millions, but Hundreds of Millions of Dollars, all without due process of law, by corrupting the legal

field and certain Judicaries, procedure about the same as that of Dictators across the sea'a.

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Perhaps a few Republicans will support Pendergast subjects, some of the Propogandist's are boasting that Clark will recieve some Republican support, no doubt some Republicans have been induced to go along with them, as the Hoodlums are in possession of other Peoples's money to do considerable bribing with, but I dont think that many Republicans will go along with Pendergast. Further Independant Democrats all over the State, can be enlisted, to support Republican candidates, just the same as Republicans in Illinois went along with Gov. Horner to defeat the Chicago Gangster Machine.

The Kelly- Nash outfit tried to put a Candidate, Mr. Igoe who they thought would be popular and carry sufficent prestige, that the people would overlook the fact that he was a Kelly-Nash Henchman, but people are getting their eyes open, relative to Machine rule in State Goverments. The Pendergast outfit are trying to put Clark over, thinking as Kelly-Nash that he has sufficent prestige in the State of Missouri, so as to over- shadown the fact that he is one of their henchmen, I trust that Missouri people prove to be as wise, and possess equal courage and American spirit, as the people of Ills have exhibited, I think they have, but in this State, in my opinion it is necessary to elect Republicans, as entirely to many of the Democratic leaders are more or less in the Clutches of Pendergast.

One pricipal reason that Pendergast has his fingers on so many people in this State, is due directly to the fact that their steals have been so vast, that so many people are involved, so many people have shared in the stolen loot, and in Political favors. I am in position to inform you that these Pendergast henchmen, do not sleep good at nights, fearing further exposes of their unlawful procedure, and in each and all instances when

they think some exposure is about to be made, they become desperate.

I shall be glad to call on you, as I feel that is high time for people who believe in the American form of Government in Missouri to get their heads together, and make organized efforts to oust all Machine people from office, as Public enemies should not be permitted to hold public office, either in their own name, or in the name's of their subjects.

Very Sincerely Yours

Chas. L. Dunham

Ps am giving you this information, which you may have to glance over at your convenience, as I have been working for a long time assembling same, have made efforts to cause Democrats to act in the right way and will continue to, but now feel that I can do some real effective w work for Republican Candidates.