

Supreme Court of Missouri
Jefferson City
IN CHAMBERS
WILLIAM T. RAGLAND, JUDGE

September 30, 1931.

CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Francis M. Wilson,
2008 Lindwood Boulevard,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Senator:

I am very much gratified at Mr. Pendergast's announcement that my candidacy for re-election will have his support. It will probably save me a primary contest. Of course I appreciate your good offices in bringing the matter to so happy a conclusion.

I had a talk with Captain Allen this morning. I find that not only he, but Dr. Allen at Rich Hill also, is a warm supporter of yours. The Butler Times has been holding off in order to line up the people it usually works with politically. Its purpose is to avoid a local fight over the gubernatorial nomination. I think you may expect a commitment by the Paper in your favor in the near future.

If the Kansas City Organization is wholly loyal to you and snipers from its ranks are restrained, it is my judgment that you will have no opposition for the nomination. If a primary row can be avoided it will be a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

W. T. Ragland

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