

February 11, 1932

Mr. W.W. Gibbany
Jefferson City, Missouri

My dear Mr. Gibbany:

Replying to your letter of February 8th advising that you were at my apartment shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday, but was unable to receive response to your ring, I am mighty sorry that we were not at home to receive you. In view of your letter saying that you would call Sunday afternoon we remained at the apartment until nearly four and then thinking that perhaps you had concluded not to visit Albany on account of weather conditions, I accompanied Mrs. Wilson to visit one of her friends who is ill, and so the misfortune of not having a chat with you came about.

I saw your brother while in Albany. It was Monday morning and he was very busy with quite a number of clients. He is an enthusiastic supporter and I have requested that he take a very active interest for me, which I know he will do.

I think the situation in Gentry is fine as it is in Worth and Harrison. Worth, as you know, was the only county North of the River which I lost in 1928. I am assured by Democrats there, who are in a position to know, that I will carry it in the approaching primary by a majority of at least two to one. I am likewise assured of strong support in Harrison County, although there may be some opposition developing from a source extremely friendly to Mr. Howell.

I note what you say about Mr. Howell's "line of talk." I am hearing about this from practically everywhere. It occurs to me to be very strange that one receiving the endorsement of Mr. Pendergast, against whose Organization so much of the present fight is being waged, should seem to be hostile to my candidacy. For instance, Timmons, Director of Organization in Dearmont's State Headquarters in your city, so the papers

say, was accounted the foremost Howell leader in Carroll County. Until his connection with the Dearmont Headquarters it was generally understood that he was devoting practically all his time to Howell. Incidentally Timmons, they say, is spreading the report that Dearmont will defeat me. I received a letter from Chillicothe this morning to this effect. Why as sensible a man as this gentleman is reputed to be should make such a "silly prophesy" is utterly beyond me.

Everything from everywhere is coming in mighty fine. I have again written Speed Mosely and I am expecting to hear from him within a few days.

Sincerely your friend,

FMW_LF