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Confidential.

Hon. W.T. Carrington,
327 E. Capitol St.,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Carrington:

I am just in receipt of your fine letter forwarded from my headquarters to my temporary address here. I wish I could tell you how much I appreciated what you had to say, but it is beyond my feeble power of expression to do so. Throughout all the years we have known each other, we have been firm consistent friends. I think we were drawn together by that mutual respect and confidence which rather infrequently cements men throughout life.

When you were Superintendent of Schools, there was no effort to prostitute the almost sacred cause of education to politics. This was as it should be, but it seems that in recent years, our Department of Education has gone far afield in the matter of partisan politics.

I can quite understand your proper admiration for Senator Dearmont's father and so, am able to appreciate the kind letter which you wrote him. It was quite natural that he should laud his son's good qualities and his failure to criticize me was another evidence of his fairness to an opposing candidate, whoh as not, so far, expressed personally or publicly one unkind thought. The facts are that I am not fighting Democrats and certainly Senator Dearmont has as much right to run for Governor as I have. It would seem that he thinks that he has much more right, and in this he has quite a following. Of course, it is regrettable that he should indulge in such personal unkind criticisms of me as reported in

the press throughout the state. I never knew a campaign to be won in this way and I never expect to see it done. It is also to be deplored that a young man of much promise should be receiving the praise of the Chairman of the Republican state Committee, who, in a recent banquet at Springfield, lauded the Senator for his attack on the so-called Pendergast organization of Kansas City.

I think some sixty or more rural newspapers are severely criticizing Dearmont for the character of his campaign, both in the way of personalities and his seeming open alliance with the Republican leaders in their attack upon the allied Jackson County Democratic organizations and their dominant leader, Mr. Pendergast. The Jackson County organizations, as you will recall, gave our state ticket majorities running as high as 55,000 in 1930. Strange to say, there is no attack being made by metropolitan newspapers on the brutal Republican organization in St. Louis, which has dominated that city for many years. But when it comes to building up a Democratic organization to combat

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this brutal Republican machine in St. Louis, attacks are hurled at it by so-called Democrats from many quarters.

I find that letters received from practically every county in Missouri, indicate that Democrats want to win and in order to do so, desire party harmony and not party strife.

I simply couldn't ask the political situation to look better. I am rather inclined to believe that Dearmont's speaking campaign is doing him as much harm as it is good. I shall make very very few speeches, as I believe the voters are more interested in a business man for Governor than in an orator.

I am delighted to know that my method of campaigning meets your approval. I am trying to conduct my candidacy on the high plateau rather than grope around in the miasmatic swamps of politics. If I cannot win in that way, I do not care for the nomination,

because it would come to me uncelan and I would not care to touch it.

I was amused at what you told the young man when he asked, "Why are all you old codgers for Wilson?" and you replied "We have fought, bled and died together". This is literally true and you and I my good friend, will travel along together until the end.

Of course, when I am in Jefferson City, I shall call to see you among the very first for none hold a more fixed place in my affection than tyour own loyal self.

Sincerely yours, friend,