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MONROE CITY, MISSOURI

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Senator Francis M. Wilson,
2008 Linwood Blvd.,
Kansas City,
Missouri.

Dear Senator:

I was in Shelbyville, Shelby County, attending circuit court on Monday of this week. I am informed by circuit Judge Drain that there is considerable sprinkle of Dearmont support in that part of Shelby County. I have been anticipating this for some time. Judge Brain is supporting you actively. Bearmont is to speak at Shelbyville tomorrow, Wednesday. I will try and find out the effect of his speech and advise you promptly.

Childers spoke here. He had a small audience, talked about the corruption of the Pendergast Organization. He stated in his private talks to several people who interviewed him that he had the solid Ku Klux Klan support in Kansas City, and was also supported by the high class Catholics in Kansas City. This statement was made to Mr. Ben McAllister of Monroe City, a very reliable man. He speaks very kindly of Dearmont, so I think you have scented the real situation. In other words, it is very plain to me that this man is campaigning in Wilson territory with the hope of detracting a few votes from you. He was to speak at Palmyra, Marion County and on the Sunday Night before he spoke in the Baptist Church at Hannibal, Missouri. Newspapers have scarcely mentioned him, only a few lines about his speech.

I am rather expecting a move in this part of the state in the interest of a certain dry candidate for United States Senator from St. Louis, combined with a like move for Dearmont for Governor. The first evidence I have seen of this however, is in Shelby County, with just a suggestion from a newspaper here at Monroe City and one attorney here, both of whom were pledged to you when you were here. I will watch the matter very closely and advise you if my suspicion is well founded.

Out of thirty-two lawyers that attended the Marion County Court a week ago yesterday, there was one from Hannibal for Dearmont. Two of them uncertain and the balance for you for Governor.

I will advise you if I think it is necessary for you to come here. At this time however, the

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lines are holding fine.

With very best wishes, I am

Your friend,

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