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Hon. Frank A. Brannock

Bloomfield, Missouri

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your letter Just received, enclosing editorial from the paper published in Dearmont's home town. It sets out what a political writer in a St. Louis paper recently said concerning Dearmont's having to carry 100 of the 114 counties with an average majority of 500 votes in order to overcome my vote in Jackson County alone. Taken altogether I am inclined to believe that the editorial is not hurtful. Of course, practically every Republican, are thinly disguised Democratic metropolitan papers, are making a determined fight against the Kansas City Democratic Organization, particularly that of Pendergast which rolled up a majority for the state ticket of something over 55,000 in the general election of 1930. I have no patience with so-called Democrats who in order to gain their own selfish political ends would Join with Republicans in an effort to destroy this great allied Democratic Organization, which is now capable of overthrowing the brutal Republican Organization of St. Louis. I chance to know that Dearmont unsuccessfully sought the support of the leaders of these Organizations, and failing to obtain it seems willing to do his part in working their destruction. If he is not doing this openly reports coming to me from many quarters indicate his hostility and that of many of his followers.

Much of what this editorial has to say concerning methods employed by leaders of the Democratic Organization in Kansas City are malicious falsehoods as any sort of investigation by any fair minded men would develop. I think you are not far from wrong when you estimate my majority over Dearmont of 100,000 or more. Of course, there might come about something in the nature of a political revolution to up-set this, but I don't think this possible. What I most fear is over-confidence on the part of my fighting

friends. Over-confidence, as you know, is one's worst enemy, and will destroy any effort which he makes if he

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permits himself to become its victim.

Sincerely your friend,

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