

JAMES ELLISON, P.J.
FRANCIS H. TRIMBLE, JUDGES
EWING C. BLAND,

Kansas City Court of Appeals
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
KANSAS CITY. Mo.

Dec. 11, 1920.

Hon. E. Y. Mitchell,
Holland Building,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Uncle:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant. I talked with Sanford Madden two or three times about the marshalship. He says that he does not think he will be able to get Pendergast's support. He has the support of one of the principal men in the Pendergast faction, Miles Bulger, presiding judge of the county court, who has written Senator Reed in his behalf. He wants to know if you think it is worth while for him to go any further in regard to the matter in view of the fact that he can not get the support of all the factions here.

I know of no one who is actively identified with politics in this city who is not a member of one of these factions. The factional line seems to be drawn so closely that a member of one faction can not get the support of the other for a position of this kind. If you think there is no chance for Mr. Madden, it will be all right with him for you to take up the candidacy of somebody else.

I was glad to learn of Ewing Laporte's appointment as assistant secretary of the

Treasury. He is a smart young man and deserving of the place but I doubt whether he would have received the appointment under any other circumstances. Of course, the position is only for a short time. I hope you enjoyed your visit with the Governor and his family. I assume that the governor and you are very close now although if I remember right you were not entirely satisfied with some things that have happened since he was elected governor. I suppose Gardner will be a candidate for the senate two years from now as he seems to ne still playing the game of politics.

I hope you will have a very pleasant Christmas.

Yours truly,
Ewing C. Bland