

July 27, 1932

Hon. James A. Farley, Chairman The Rational Democratic Committee,  
331 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Farley:

In a recent letter you suggested that Mr. E. Y. Mitchell of Springfield, Missouri, get in touch with your Publicity Department with reference to employment, in your Headquarters, and this is merely to express the hope that you will take this matter in hand personally. I am saying this because I don't believe that Mr. Mitchell will ever put himself in the attitude of asking for employment of this kind, for it would not be compatible with a sense of dignity that is inherent in him. For many years Mitchell has been one of the most powerful Democratic lenders in this State, and he is also a man of large business affairs. He managed James A. Reed's first campaign for the United States Senate in Missouri, and put him over against great odds.

In this connection, I doubt whether you realize how big a part Mitchell played in the Chicago Convention, where he clearly outgeneraled Pendergast of Kansas City — Pendergast was determined that the delegation should vote for Reed 100% on several ballots, and things got so hot that Pendergast offered to fight Gauldoni of St. Louis. Had Mitchell not thrown himself into the fight here in Missouri a month or so before our State Convention, Senator Reed would have hand picked the delegation, and it would have stayed with him until the last dog was hung. You will recall that you got an increasing number of votes from Missouri on the first three ballots, and I am sure you will agree with me that these votes, few though they were, had a great psychological effect on the Convention.

More than any other dozen men Mitchell was responsible for this performance, and as I said to you sometime ago if you have him constantly at your elbow during the coming campaign, you will find his intimate knowledge of Corn Belt conditions of tremendous assistance to you, and therefore as soon as your Committee gets down to work I hope you will place Mitchell on your Staff. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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