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March 20, 1934

Honorable James A. Farley,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I have been trying to get down to see you for several days but have not had a minute to do so and, moreover, I know how busy you are. However, here are some things which I think are URGENTLY in need of attention:

1. Attached is letter from W. T. Kemper referring to appointment of C. W. Greenwade for postmaster at Springfield, Missouri. He told me that you told him that you would have Greenwade's nomination sent to the Senate as soon as you returned from Florida.

2. A lot of water has gone over the dam since May 27, 1932, and a million things have passed through your mind since that time. You cannot be expected to remember the details of everything that happened prior to and during the Chicago convention. So for the purpose of refreshing your memory I enclose copies of your letters to be dated May 27, 1932 and June 4, 1932. In these letters you stated explicitly just what you wanted done concerning the vote of the Missouri delegation, to wit:

"I am glad you agree with me that it is quite essential that Missouri should change on the first ballot, after having delivered the complimentary vote to Senator Reed. A lot of good constructive work can be done with the Missouri delegation getting them to see our point of view. If we can have it indicated around the Convention, even before it opens, that

Missouri is going to switch to Governor Roosevelt after they have given the complimentary vote to Senator Reed, it will settle a lot of problems.

“The thing we want to work for is to try to get your State’s delegation in the frame of mind wherein they would be willing to support the Governor on the first ballot because we must make certain of his nomination on that ballot. We must not under any circumstances pass the first ballot. If we can convince the folks from Missouri that that is the thing to do – well, the argument is ended.”

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We followed your directions without any quibbling, alibis or hesitation and delivered the goods just as you requested. At that time C. W. Greenwade was chairman of the State Committee and not only had much influence with our delegation but did good work among other delegations along the lines suggested in your letter quoted above. For this service he has been hounded incessantly ever since by the Reed element in Missouri.

3. The excitement and turmoil over the appointment of postmaster at Springfield is growing and not only there but in other sections of the state. I am informed that a petition is now in circulation among the Catholics in Springfield protesting the appointment of Farmer Brown. It is charged that he was a Klu Kluxer and that Klu Klux meetings were held on his farm. I have no personal knowledge of these facts, but they are stated to be true in a letter from Father Kincaid in the files in the Springfield case.

4. Can you not have C. W. Greenwade’s nomination sent to the Senate immediately? It would help a lot in more than one directions if you would. I have not talked to Bennett Clark on the subject but he has a lot on his hands in Missouri and I doubt if he will oppose Greenwade’s confirmation when the time comes.

5. Concerning the election in Kansas City on March 27th:

The Kansas City Star and Times (which are published by the same organization) are vigorously opposing the Pendergast machine. These newspapers have the largest daily circulation of any newspapers in the United States except four, and by far the largest of any west of the Mississippi River. The following tabulation will give information on the subject:

	<u>Name of Paper</u>	<u>Daily Circulation</u>
1.	New York News	1,428,968
2.	(New York American)	
	(New York Journal)	937,777
3.	Chicago Tribune	771,190
4.	(Chicago Herald & Examiner)	
	(Chicago American)	740,557
5.	Kansas City Star & Times	618,225
6.	New York Mirror	535,799
7.	Philadelphia Evening Bulletin	499,724
8.	New York Times	456,966

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The Kansas City Star and Times cover Kansas like a blanket and usually can swing that state either way in an election. These papers also cover the western half of Missouri and large portions of Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado.

I am confident the citizens' fusion ticket will win in Kansas City. The candidate on this ticket for mayor is Dr. A. Ross Hill, whom I have known for several years. He is a Democrat of unusual ability. His wife, a very rich woman, was president of the Jackson County Jefferson Club for a long time. The whole of the city council, 8 in number, is to be elected on March 27th. The candidates on the citizens' fusion ticket consist of 4 Democrats and 4 Republicans. The charter of Kansas City, which was adopted by a vote of 4 to 1, provide there shall be no politics

in the election and no political designation of tickets. Senator Reed is campaigning for the machine.

6.6. I enclose copy of letter which I have received from Kansas City. If the charges it makes are true the Administration is in for a great scandal in the handling of the CWA and PWA funds in Kansas City. This letter states:

“The CWA, PWA etc., is so controlled by this machine, it is one of the biggest steals in the country. These two companies have 32 caterpillars and wagons. The city is paying \$75.00 per day for each unit, or \$2400.00 per day. There are truck owners in this city that cannot take their trucks out because they cannot pay their city and state licenses, The above equipment takes the place of 96 trucks and 65 additional men. Trucks could have been used in 90% of this work as efficiently as the other, thereby distributing the work to the needy and saving the taxpayers approximately \$765.00 per day. They are using, or have been, 9 air compressors charging the city \$40.00. per day. Some of these are renting for \$125.00 per month. At this rate there is a profit to the construction company of \$7515.00 per month. They have four shovels on this work which cost the city \$125.00 per day. There are numerous shovels of like capacity that could be rented at \$60.00 per day.

“On the work now going on in this city you can find from 4 to 8 \$75.00 per day pieces of equipment working and no men other than the operator and a boss or two. This beats 75 or 80 men out of something to eat per day. The profit figured from information obtainable is from \$5000 to \$8000 per day to the machine contractor.

“It has been reported from various sources that our City Manager only made \$50,000.00 on the purchase of the Auditorium site, but of course that would be hard to prove as his deals are continually manipulated.

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“These different projects were started to give the unemployed a chance to make a decent living for themselves and families instead of going to the coffers of a few crafty and crooked politicians. Now is the time to throw the wrench in the machine as it is weaving some in its grafty course.”

“I am not a disgruntled politician who has not been cut in on pay offs, etc., The information contained here is not hearsay or guess work, but facts.”

This letter is not signed but it has the ring of truth about it and it seems to me it would be well worth while to have the charges it contains investigated. I have heard the charges made before.

7. Please have Greenwade’s nomination sent to the Senate immediately. It would help a lot.

Sincerely yours,