

March 26, 1934.

Honorable R. B. Oliver,
Delray Beach,
Florida.

My dear Mr. Oliver:

I have received your letter of the fifth and was very glad to get it. Great pressure of official duties has prevented me from sooner replying.

I am pleased to know that you approve my course concerning the acceptance of gratuities by Government officials and also my interview concerning the situation in Kansas City. The election takes place in Kansas City tomorrow. There is tremendous activity and interest in the campaign - more so, in fact, than I have ever known before in a City election. I believe the Citizens' Ticket will win. However, it will have to receive about two votes to the opposition's one - I mean honest votes - in order to receive a majority in the returns. In the north end of Kansas City, which is comprised of first and second wards, the census shows a population of 6,000 and in the same area the registered vote is 50,000 so you will see what an undertaking it is to overcome such odds.

I have read with much interest the part of your letter in which you recall many things which occurred in times long past. They are all very fresh in my memory and I remember them just as you have stated them. You and I made some very good fights in the past but it seems that political conditions are worse now than ever before because of the tremendous influence which leaders of City machines have throughout their respective States and, as a result, in the Nation.

I wish I could see you again and have a visit with you. If you and Mrs. Oliver return by Washington, please give me some advance notice of your coming so that I may see

something of you while you are in the city.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your health and happiness, I am

Sincerely yours,