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Mr. E. Y. Mitchell,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

You perhaps remember how I have been telling in letters I I have written how popular the Roosevelt Administration has been with the rank and file, and that sentiment still exists with those who got jobs under the C.W.A. and others who were benefited or helped. I have noticed in the past two weeks, however, some sentiment and opposition developing against the Administration, especially among the small merchants and business men. This is due in part to propaganda.

It seems as though there is some organized body back of this, as the Administration is assailed from every angle. The articles are carefully prepared and cleverly written. They always mention some prominent business man or someone well known. Often they are twisted up in a business failure, a suicide - they connect them with N.R.A. or P.W.A. in some manner or form. I noticed three articles at different times appearing in the newspaper, referring to destitute families, wherein someone of supposed prominence made mention of the fact that the pork dumped in the river or the milk ordered destroyed, should have been saved for the hungry. These articles are carefully prepared, tactfully written and are convincing. To ignore them means defeat of the Democratic party. A good portion of the Republican Senators and Representatives in Congress opposed to the Administration introduces a resolution to investigate the NRA code with reference to this or that industry. In a few days, every lantern jawed Republican editor outside the Lower Regions puts an article on the front page, lambasting the Administration. A day or so later, after each editor exchanges copies of their paper among themselves, they get impregnated a plenty and their editorials are hymns of hate and for the most part are

composed of poison virus and malignant scorn. Editorially they implore the Republicans to organize now to save the Constitution of the United States.

The Senatorial race out here is beginning to attract some attention and the race will be hot between Joseph Shannon and Jake Milligan.

I think the St. Louis Democratic organization, Mayor Dickman thrown in, will support Shannon. Milligan will have Bennett Clark's support. That includes the Federal crowd. There are a lot of Democrats out here that do not like Clark. Any Democrat that was not for him before the primary can hardly get courteous treatment, let alone any consideration.

Hamp Rothwell told me Clark did not endorse you for Asst. Secretary of Commerce, but voted in the Senate to confirm you. I think that was exceedingly small in him. You were from Missouri and he should have done all he could for you. I don't like those fellows who cry bury the hatchet for the other fellows to abide by, but when they bury it themselves, it is in the other fellows head

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Boss Pendergast of the State Administration.

Boss Clark of the Federal crowd.

Boss Clark will control Milligan. He will be his political Godfather, as far as the Senatorship is concerned. If he should be elected, he will say Amen when Clark opens his mouth, because he will be obligated to him.

Shannon will of course be supported by Pendergast, but he never was any Amen man for him, I don't think. Who would you advise me to support. I am a Democrat and I will do all I can for the success of the party. I am not the kind to get sore because I did not get a position. I do not know either Shannon or Milligan personally, but the

information I have is that Pendergast will not boss Shannon, as Clark would Milligan.
Shannon was friendly to Folk, was he not?

Would appreciate a line or so from you when you have time to write. I remain

Sincerely yours,

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