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

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I received your letter this A.M. Am always glad to hear from you. I presume you are right about Joe Shannon- he pursues the course of the least resistance. Tom hands him his seat in Congress on a silver platter and he answers Amen to any and all of Tom's requests.

Pendergast, according to newspaper dispatches, is to support a Judge Thurman for the Senatorship. I know absolutely nothing about the man and I do not want to know anything more about him if he is Godfathered by Pendergast - that is sufficient.

I do not hear any more about Ruby Hulen. I presume his candidacy for the U. S. Senate faded in its early twilight. W. H. Meredith this year has about as much chance getting the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in Missouri as Andy Mellon would have getting nominated for the same place on the Democratic ticket out here in Missouri.

Ruby Hulen, with the aid of the Democratic organization in St. Louis, could I think get the nomination for U.S. Senate. He could get some strength in the counties. Thurman would clean up Kansas City and Milligan would get only the support of the Federal crowd or what Clark could give him. If Thurman gets the St. Louis Democratic Dickman-Igoe bunch, Good-bye Milligan.

I think perhaps Hulen could not line up the St. Louis Dickman crowd is why he gradually faded out of the picture. Pendergast has been building fences to keep out

Senatorial candidates. He got Bill Igoe to give Charley Hay the City Counselor position for no other purpose or for no other reason, than to put him under obligation to the St. Louis-Kansas City Pendergast crowd. Charley's appointment was not because of any brotherly love or any strength he had politically or any obligation they owed him. It was a diplomatic move, pure and simple.

It was a move something like Jim Reed, Bill Stone and Champ Clark fixed up and got through the Democratic convention when the Convention endorsed Folk for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. They may not have originated the idea but they aided and abetted and worked for it in secret and openly, to eliminate him as a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

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Unless I have been misinformed, they started to work to get Champ Clark nominated before all the delegates left town. Stone and Reed did not support Clark for brotherly love--it was only to keep him out of the Senate race too.

Thurman, with the aid of Dickman-Igoe crowd in St. Louis and Park appointees or State crowd and Kansas City machine, will bury Milligan unless some live candidate comes in to mix things up.

Bennett Clark was nominated by a peculiar chain of circumstances. Dearmont cut in on Pendergast strength in his race for Governor and Clark ran over the State braying like a Jack Ass. All he talked about was against Prohibition- it was popular to be wet just at that time- that won for him.

Pendergast has built up his machine in St. Louis and Jeff City. Clark could not stand before it today. Pendergast will crush him when he runs again unless he gets in his band wagon. I think more than likely he will, as he is somewhat like his father- a harmonizer, rather than a leader. If this Senate race makes Pendergast sore, he might tell Clark when and where to head in. Clark may be diplomatic enough and spineless enough in case

Thurman is nominated and elected, to do as he, (Thurman) says, just in order to have Thurman's good will and use this artificial friendship to get in the good graces of "Boss Tom." I may be wrong, but Clark is more of a politician than a statesman. What to you think?

I see from dispatches and lengthy newspapers articles there is going to be real war on Bootleg Whiskey operations and a great many are to be appointed in the next few days or weeks. Senator Kent E. Keller is raising hell about the Republicans being favored since the Democrats came into power. I believe you can get me one of those places. I will write you and give you full particulars and whom to see. I know if you have time to go and see the right party in person, I can get this appointment. I do not believe writing them or talking on the phone will do any good, but if you could spare the time to personally see them, you can get them to act on my application favorably.

When I was in the service before, I made more cases than any other officer in Missouri and nearly as many as all the others put together. At my suggestion I was given 11 counties in Northeast, Mo. I made so many cases that a Special Session of the Federal Court had to be held to try them and a special session of the Circuit Court had to be held. I broke up 32 joints in Hannibal and had photographs taken, which were sent to the Internal Revenue Office in Washington.

Tomorrow I will write you fully and if you can possibly spare the time to personally see the party in charge, making the appointments. I know I can get one of these places. Then I will be out of the way and won't bother you any more.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

G. H. Foree

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