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Hon. E. Y. Mitchell,
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Referring to your letter of June 28, and answering your inquiry concerning the Pendergast connection of Bowersock, Fizzell and Rhodes.

This firm has no Pendergast connection so far as I know. They were taken in on this insurance litigation through Republican influence under Commissioner Hyde. After O'Malley went in, there was an effort to shake them off, but they persisted, and in the end were parties to the stipulation contracts. I am quite certain that there is no direct Pendergast affiliation. Mr. Rhodes seems to be entrusted exclusively with the fire insurance cases for that firm. He is a son-in-law of former President Williams of the State University.

I think I may be safe in saying that this stipulation, settlement and distribution of policyholder's money was brought about principally by the initiation of John T. Barker and Commissioner O'Malley. Perhaps it may have been suggested by R. J. Folonie, attorney for the committee of the companies. It is our understanding that he probably got

\$1,000,000 out of the settlement.

There is some interesting litigation just started in Jefferson City. Roy McKittrick, Attorney General, has brought suit in behalf of the state to compel Glen Weatherby (Republican) to turn back \$13,000 paid him while he was Assistant Attorney General to Shartel, in insurance fees. We are wondering if McKittrick will go so far as to bring suit against the other counsel (Democratic).

We think there is much unfinished work yet in his fire insurance litigation.

Yours truly,

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