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Hon. Ewing Y. Mitchell  
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter about the Governor, and so far as the New Deal is concerned,  
nobody is more alarmed about its tendencies than I am, except that I don't think there is  
a Republican leader in sight that promises much in a National way — as a matter of fact,  
most of the aspiring Republicans are swallowing most of the New Deal policies,  
especially the labor end of it.

So far as Missouri is concerned, Governor Stark has dealt the machine a death blow, and therefore, whatever our attitude may be about the National situation, is there any reason why we shouldn't uphold Stark's hands here in the State? Mr. Parley is staying in constant touch with me, and nobody could be more against the third term idea, and the crack-pots who surround the President, than Parley, and he is making a Herculean effort to save the old Democratic principles. But again I say, however much you and I may be opposed to what is going on in Washington, why shouldn't we stand behind a man who had the nerve to turn on the crooks in Kansas City? Why let the machine get Stark's scalp, which it is trying to do through the nomination of Milligan for the Senate? It is doubtful whether the Republicans can carry the State even if you and I were inclined to help them, and therefore, the real issue here in Missouri is whether the machine shall be permitted to come back or not. Hoping you will give the matter further thought from this angle, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William Hirth

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