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Hon. Ralph F. Lozier, M.C. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lozier:

W.L.Nelson and his lietenants are circulating a report over the District that you will not be a candidate for Congress but that you are expecting an appointment from the President to some position or post in England. This is having some effect and should be stopped if you are a candidate. Only yesterday there was a Nelson booster here and he told me and others " Mr. Lozier is a very strong man and should have a better place than the one he now holds and it is reported that he will soon receive a Presidential appointment. "

This man was from Cooper County.

To-day there was a Milligan For Senator Club organized in Versailles and it was tried to hitch Will Nelson to Milligan's kite, but some of the Lozier men being present stopped it. I am wondering if Mr. Milligan is your friend. I also have my doubts about Senator Clark.

You should know your friends there, I of course do not. Will Nelson and John Earp and a few like them are trying hard to align you with the Pendergast faction in Kansas City.

Nelson tells them that it was the Pendergast crowd that defeated him two years ago. I am writing you this as I feel that an open statement from you as to your candidacy would be very effective at this time. I admit that I am in Nelson's heretofore stronghold and this man Earp in this County will stoop to anything to advance Nelson's interest.

I am of the opinion that an organization in the near future should be perfected and your interests put forward. I know you are a very busy man and I dislike to bother you.

Perhaps you already have your plans made for your campaign.

I believe that it would be to your interest to have a change in Postmasters at Versailles before very long and a temporary Postmaster appointed with the understanding that the temporary man here will not be eligible for the permanent position. Let the appointment of a permanent Postmaster be postponed as long as possible. That will cause all the aspirants for the permanent position to show their hands and work for you or we will know where they stand. Mr. Earp has been telling them that the present Postmaster will hold over until after the fall election and Nelson will then name the man. Please let me hear from along the above indicated lines at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly, R.M.Livesay