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Hon. Ralph F. Lozier Member of Congress Washington, D. C.

Dear Ralph:

I received your letter enclosing a statement from all of the Democratic members of Congress, and enjoyed reading same very much.

I told you exactly what happened, and just how it happened, and I wrote a letter to the two persons named as I was told to do, but have not heard anything about it since then. I don't know whether there has been a change or not, but I don't think so. So many funny things have happened in this campaign that I find myself completely in the dark. My impression is that the organization will support all twelve of the present Democratic members of Congress, but I may be mistaken as to that, although that is the general belief. I cannot understand the statements of these men.

The Republicans, of course, are trying to take advantage of this fact, and will probably make their principal campaign on it this fall. For that reason I think a very strong state committee should be elected, and the ablest man in Missouri named for chairman. I haven't anyone in mind, and off-hand can't think of anyone that completely measures up to the job.

The more I think about it, the more I am inclined to the belief that every candidate in our primary having the solid unanimous support of all of the organizations in Kansas City will win. I don't see how it can be otherwise. This support will naturally draw some support from every county in the state, and I think at least one-half of the St. Louis vote will join with this vote. We are expecting to cast in excess of 60,000 votes here, and the candidates on the slate will receive practically all of them.

Some people think that Hay can beat Howell, but I do not see how he can. I know he will carry a great many counties but Howell is a very fine organizer and is making a very intelligent campaign, and with his Kansas City and St. Louis vote he is going to be very

hard to beat.

Dearmont is making some headway, but at this time it doesn't seem that he has a chance against Wilson.

Mr. Pendergast will support Judge Shain of Sedalia for the Kansas City Court of Appeals against Commissioner Campbell of Kirksville, but it now seems that Welch and possibly Shannon will support Campbell. If so, Campbell has a good chance to win, as he is much stronger in the district than Shain, and, of course, will make a much better judge.

It is possible that Cawthorne will get part of the organization vote here, but even so it will be very difficult for him to beat Brown. So that in the end I stand on my statement that it is going to be very hard to beat any candidate in the primary that has the solid unanimous support of Kansas City, and all that goes with it.

Prom time to time I will give you my views for what they are worth. As you know I am tremendously interested in your success, and there isn't anything I won't do to help you if the occasion ever arises.

You have been more than kind to me, and I will always appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John T. Barker

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