

Carrollton, Missouri July 27, 1932

Hon. W. E. Barton

Houston

Missouri

Dear Judge:

I am surprised, shagrined and exceedingly sorry that you are not on the Pendergast slate, but as published yesterday with twenty-two names your handicap is very materially reduced. If the statements in the Kansas City Star and Journal Post are corrected to the effect that the twenty-two names will be submitted to the workers who will be instructed to make their selection of thirteen from the list of twenty-two, then there can be very little unity of action, as every party worker and election Judge will have full liberty of action to urge the selection of whom they please in the list of twenty-two. With twenty-two on the approved list in Kansas City the Kansas City majority will be much less than under an indorsement of thirteen.

Sunday night Nelson, Johnson, Cannon and Romjue and I met in Columbia and exchanged views as to the situation in North Missouri. I was on my way to St. Louis and Romjue suggested an early conference and so he agreed then to meet me in Columbia. You were too far away to reach there in such a short time. The situation is reasonably good in the Districts represented at that conference, but in each District there is considerable trouble, opposition against sitting members, nepotism, general unrest and dissatisfaction with everybody in office. We are doing everything we can for the twelve sitting members and will continue to leave nothing undone that can be done. Three new candidates in my District have precipitated a serious situation in many communities. But I am doing all I can to iron out the situation. I sincerely hope you will be nominated. You deserve re-nomination on your record and on your merits and it is regrettable that this baseless hysteria should take possession of so many people. I still think that the twelve sitting members have a tremendous advantage notwithstanding the Kansas City situation.

Hastily and sincerely,