

Carrollton, Missouri Sept. 16, 1932

Mr. C. E. O'Dell

3804 East 53rd Street

Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Mr. O'Dell:

I have your favor of 1st inst. I am enclosing a general letter of recommendation. I have written so many letters to Mr. Pendergast for so many different people in the last few months that I hesitate to send him any more letters. There are so many demands that he is unable to give employment to all and it is embarrassing for me to keep on writing him when he is not able to get my friends employment. But if you want to present the enclosed recommendation to him it is alright with me. If times were good and there was Mr. Pendergast could probably place you in a position where you could earn a living but there are so many out of employment and wanting jobs, I do not see how he can possibly take care of all who apply. You can also show the enclosed letter to Mr. Shannon or to Mr. Pete Kelly, one of the Shannon leaders, whose office is in the Hall Building at 9th and Walnut. I am very sorry that I can't do anything more but I have written so many letters to Mr. Pendergast that I hesitate to write him again.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly, M. C.