

Carrollton, Missouri November 23, 1932

Mr. S. J. Payne,

105 E. Spring Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

My Dear Mr. Payne:

I have your favor of the 16th inst. I would very much like to assist you in securing employment. On April 30th I wrote you a letter of endorsement which I hoped would be helpful. You suggest that I write to Mr. Pendergast. I do not feel that this will help matters. I have written Mr. Pendergast numerous letters urging that he give my friends employment. Of course he cannot grant all these requests because there are many thousand people in Kansas City pressing him for appointment. I do not want to become a nuisance or have him feel that I am imposing on him.

Then, again, a letter from me to Mr. Pendergast will not have one tenth as much influence with him as the recommendation of Mr. Fleming or Mr. Taaffe. They are members of his organization, and he very naturally looks to these and other men in similar positions. They have infinitely more influence than anyone in rural Missouri.

I would like to carry out your suggestions, but candidly, Mr. Payne, I think a letter from me to Mr. Pendergast would do no good and might do harm.

I renewing my endorsement of April 30th. With best wishes and hope that you may soon secure employment, I remain

Yours very truly,

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