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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Col. Bennett C. Clark 506 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Bennett:

I have just read your March 13th letter.

I really do not know what I can do with the matter about which you write. If I was sure the Democrats would sweep the state next year, I would be glad to see the delegates elected at large. From all I have heard around, they will get pretty hard usage. If I can, I will get ahold of Tom and see if he can do anything.

By the way, Mrs. Nat Brown told me the other day that you had indicated to her that you were disappointed because I had endorsed Hawes. I told her and such is my recollection that I had already told you, that the alleged statement from me was made out of the whole cloth. If I did not tell you, I meant to tell you. I gave no interview about Hawes to anybody but I have been called on the carpet several times for an alleged interview which, as I have said, never took place.

I think I told you that Harry and Mrs. Hawes called on me at the hotel. I asked him at that time if he was going to run. The only answer he made was that the chances were very great against him, but he did not commit himself that he would.

Hope to see you in the near future.

As ever, your friend,