

Springfield, Missouri,

January 23rd, 1923.

Mr. Harry S. Truman,

Judge Eastern District County Court,

Independence, Missouri.

Dear Harry:

On my last trip to Kansas City I thought I would have time to get out to Independence to see you, but important matters I had to attend to at Kansas City prevented me from doing so. I called at your house and thought possibly I might be able to catch you at home, but I suppose you were busy with the other Judges trying to save the county money. I have been waiting patiently thinking possibly you might be able to take a rap at my friend, Mike Ross, however, the session is early and suppose in due course of time Mike will come in for a cleaning. My only hope is that you will be able to get one of the other judges to cooperate with you in order that you may be able to take him to a genuine cleaning.

I presume you are run to death with office seekers and friends of those who are seeking office. I did think I would not bother you with asking a favor for anyone, but if you are in a position to do anything for a man named James H. McCormick, 2324 Denver, Kansas City, I will be greatly pleased if you could place him on some job with the county in the near future. He has been a friend of mine for twenty years and he was instrumental in starting me out in the police game. He was also instrumental in my promotions in the police department. I might also state that his politics and ours are the same and at present he is working for me here at Springfield, but this job is only temporarily.

Before Mr. McCormick came to Springfield to work for me he was working in O'Dwyers office, but on the first of the year he was out off on account of reduction of force, so it was stated, but in my opinion it was more factional politics than it was a reduction of force.

Of Course, I understand he does not live in your district and it may be necessary for him to secure the sanction of the Judge of the Western District also. Of course, I am not up to date as to how political jobs are handed out. No doubt you are by this time thoroughly familiar with the system. At any rate when the county court meets next month

in Kansas City, I will have McCormick call on you, or I will possibly try to come with him if it is possible, and you can give him an idea what to do. At any rate I will appreciate it if you will keep him in mind and if there is any way possible to do so see that he gets a job. If you are able to put him to work I will consider it a personal favor and some day I may be able to do as much for you in return.

Give my best regards to the wife and all the family. This leaves all well in my family at present. Graces' husband is very sick and not expected to live.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Truman.

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