October 18, 1928.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, 49 East 65th Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Roosevelt:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th, and to say there was never any question in my mind as to my decision between the two Presidential candidates.

I most heartily agree with the millions of others who consider our country and party most fortunate in having available. Governor Smith as a candidate, and I earnestly hope for his election.

Madison County, of which Edwardsville is the county seat, is normally republican by several thousand, but I consider it a conservative prediction that Governor Smith will carry the county.

Might I add that your wonderful speech at Houston was a genuine inspiration, and I beg to express my appreciation for the privilege of having heard you.

Trusting the great Empire State will display the good judgment of electing you both.

Very truly yours,