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From the Rockford Republic.

**LOWDEN WOULD MAKE A BUSINESS GOVERNOR**

There is an encouraging and refreshing emphasis in the declaration of Col. Frank Lowden in condemnation of the shame daily witnessed in some county of the state where a score and more state officials are chasing up and down doing the Governors political errands, while abandoning their official duties for which they are paid by the state. The henchmanizing of the state service to promote the political ambition of Richard Yates to be his own successor has only deepened the conviction which Col. Lowden has long entertained in favor of an absolutely non political civil service for state. For years he has been identified with the cause of civil service reform, and his speech made last week in Lanark had in it the ring of absolute earnestness. In it he said in part:

"I want to say one thing to you in regard to state employes and I want to say it plainly and positively. If I am elected governor no state employe will think that he owes me any political allegiance which will require him to give one cent of money or one moment of his time from his duties to help me politically. More than that it will be required of every state employe that he earn every penny he receives and not one penny of what he earns will ever be taken from him to aid any individual's political fortunes. A man who works in some of the institutions in which I am connected in a business way earns his money. He goes to work at a certain hour and he gets paid therefor. A man who works on my farm earns his money and he is entitled to keep all he earns. There is just as much reason that a state employe should do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay as

there is that the man on the farm or in the factory should do it. Not only are the men who are doing, in these various lines, a fair day's work for a fair day's pay giving value received, but they as taxpayers or as contributors through one channel or another to the taxpayers are helping to pay such state employes as may not be earning what they receive. When I hired out to work on a farm I expected to do a day's work for a day's wages; when I engaged to teach school I did so with the understanding that I would earn the money I received and when I have been engaged to try a lawsuit I have expected to give my client his money's worth in service.

Why should not every state employe give the people what he is paid to give them? If there is nothing for some of the men holding office to do but to run around over the state doing 'politics' as it is called for some candidate, cut them off the payroll. Now from what has been said (and every word of it is meant) none of you who hear me can come round if I am elected governor and claim that you expected to get a soft job in the employ of the state. The state of Illinois is a big institution, with its citizens as stockholders, and it should be run on business and not so-called political principles; and that means there will be no soft jobs if I am governor.

Further I want to emphasize the point that no state employe will consider that he owes me political services if I should be elected governor. He will owe his services to the people, the taxpayers, and if he gives his services as he should give them I will never ask whether he is for Frank Lowden or not and I will not permit any one else to compel him to be for me or any other man. I would like to be governor of Illinois. I mean by that I would like to be governor of this great state, not its political boss. I will confess to you that I have no ambition to be a political manager. I would be content with being governor and I would not seek to be the dictator of the party. I would endeavor to be governor and governor only, leaving the playing of politics alone during my term of office and leaving the state employes alone and seeing that others left them alone and I would rest my case with the people. That is the way 'Old Uncle Dick' Oglesby, John M. Palmer, Shelby M. Cullom, and men of the old days, which many love to recall, did. If you want a sinecure, if you want a place created for you at the expense of the people, if you want to get something for nothing, if you want a job with pay from the taxpayer and nothing to do but work politically for the man you receive the appointment from, I say to you frankly don't vote for me for if you do you will be disappointed should I be elected governor."

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