

J.A. Bovard to Governor John St. John

A concerned merchant in Kansas City describes the nuisance and disruption created by illegal liquor traffic in his and neighboring communities, and requests legal assistance to stop it.

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JAS. A. BOVARD & CO.

COAL & COKE DEALERS

506 Delaware St.,

Kansas City, Mo. Dec 27th 1879.

Gov. J. St. John.

Topika Kan Dear Sir

At Stilson where our mines are located there is a bar-by the name of James A. Dugan who sells whiskey indiscriminately to everyone. There is also a bad whiskey shop. at Keith and Henrys shops a mile above Abie as Columbus & Cherokee. there is a dozen of places where whiskey can be had. they are principally drug stores. or rather run under that name. They have become a great nuisance to us. and very much interfere with our business. but at the same time if we should make a move we would be liable to be burned out at anytime. and as it is clearly the duty of the state to enforce the law we would suggest to you the propriety of sending about three good Detectives down. and have them go quietly to each place. also visit city and get direct evidence against them. and have them all arrested and punished severely. not by any little ten dol fines. but by sending them to the Penitentiary for long terms. Everyone of them is a good mill to turn out democratic votes. they are the places. they are manufacturers. If you will have this worked up and put an end to this whiskey traffic you will

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Confer a great favor to me and all the
Law abiding citizens in that part of the country.
and we will pledge you our assistance financially
or any other way. if you will take the steps to
break it up. It is a very difficult matter
to get one of these poor deluded and degraded
men who patronize such places to swear against
them, as they are owned Body and Soul by these
miserable devils who deal in the helish traffic
we would like to have you confer with us
in this matter, and as anytime you are in
our city we would like if you have the time
to call on us, or we will call on you as anytime
if you will confer with us.

Respectfully yours
J.A. Bovard & Co.