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**TO:** R. S. Stevens

**FROM:** C. F. Morse

**ATCHISON, TOPEKA  
AND  
Santa Fe Rail Road Co.  
Superintendent's Office**

*Topeka, Kan. Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1875*

R. S. Stevens, Esq.  
Gen'l Manager, H. and St. J. RR  
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I met Mr. Drew yesterday at Kansas City in reference to facilities for our trains at Union Depot.

He proposed a temporary arrangement for track room, which gave us an approach to the platform, and sufficient standing room, but it is not a position to give this road proper prominence, considering that it is an unknown road in Kansas City, and that the Kansas Pacific train stands in full view of passengers landing from all trains arriving from the East.

I think we should have equal advantages with the latter road and that it is of special importance to have these from the start.

If we accept the track proposed by Mr. Drew, our train is entirely out of sight from main platform, or vicinity of depot; and cannot advertise its presence there so forcibly as it is necessary for a new road to do.

I am well aware of the scant track room at Union Depot but hope you will be able to <?> train a point in our favor.

Mr. Drew understands the position and track, which we desire, and it seems perfectly practicable to arrange for these by building some additional platform.

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<sup>1</sup> FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

With equal facilities at Atchison and Kansas City, it will be the intention to give both points fair, and equal representation, but if at Kansas City it is found that we cannot compete with Kansas Pacific on even terms, we shall be bound as far as possible, to throw our travel via Atchison, where it seems probable there will soon be a Union depot, and ample facilities for us.

By giving your early attention, and further consideration to this matter you will greatly oblige.

Yours truly

C. F. Morse

Gen'l Supt.