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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: J. Q. A. Carter

Lubing, Texas, Aug. 27th, /75

Col. R. S. Stevens

Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I have come down on the G. H. & S. R. Way, and desire you to give me a little help in the way of a letter to Mr. Jas. P. Converse, Chf. Eng. of G. H. & S. R. Way, and give him your opinion about my Business Capacity, attention to Business, &c. It may be the means of considerable help to me, and I will as I have always done remember you with gratitude.

This is a fine country, and I think from the present outlook when the G. H. & S. R. Way and International R. Way are completed to San Antonio, a Road from San Antonio S. West to ?Camargo (it is nearly a west course) will be almost a necessity that will have to be Built. How would it do to get a charter from San Antonio to ?Camargo for a Road. I am only 40 miles from Austin and would like to have your opinion about the Road if you would take hold of it and get the charter. If you never desired to Build it I think it will be a good investment. Capitalist will Build a Road. The Trade requires it already. Large Trains are busy hauling from the Mexico Border to San Antonio. It will be something like the M. K. & T. when you were approaching Texas, only much more Traffic is now being hauled through than there was as the M. K. & T. was approaching.

I have recovered my health and now feel better and better. The climate suits me. We planted 200 acres corn and cotton this year and want to plant 500 next year. I think I can make a rise here in a few years. At any rate I will try.

The next "New Town" on the Guadeloupe River on the G. H. & S. R. Way will be a good plan for speculation. I wish it was so you could come down this way and take charge of the G. H. & S. R. Way, and I believe it could be arranged. I tell you they need a Gen'l Manager here and with the Capital and experience you have you could put it through. Mr. Pierce of New York is the man who controls the Road. I will be glad to hear from you. This leaves my Family all in good and well pleased with S. W. Texas.

Yours Truly,

J. Q. A. Carter

¹ FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.

