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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: T. Penfield

*Hannibal and St. Joseph Rail Road Co.
Passenger Department*

T. Penfield

Gen'l. Passenger Agent

Hannibal, Mo. Sept. 9th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Genl Manager, H. & St. Jo. R.R.

Attica, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am just in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th inst. and am pleased to learn that your lameness is abating and trust that you will soon be fully recovered.

I have nothing new to report in relation to the stolen tickets. My man (Livingston) is now checking over July collections with the reports so we are watching every move to see if any more are abstracted. Also the Ex. Co. is watching for any package that may be sent. Also the Post Master. What progress is being made at Kan City am unable to say, but judge from this anxiety that they are not asleep.

The weather for the St. Jo Exposition so far has been unfavorable, still our people at St. Jo say that we are getting fully our share <?> C. R. I. & P. are selling round trip from Atchison & Leavenworth to Chicago Exposition including return ticket at \$21.14, this 1-1/5 fare. I telegraphed the C. B. & Q. to see if they wish me to meet this rate. I have <?> record of all the Conductors punches and they all punching their tickets <?> sealing their packages with wax and <?> the matter up in good shape. So far as business is concerned for the next two months, the greatest drawback is the Land ?Excursion advertised in Ill. & Ind. It is just taking all of our regular fall business and I do not know just how to stop it, since the Santa Fe Road has reached Kansas City. The St. Louis <?> are working the thing up lively, and I think the land Agents are interested to work the business that way, either by Com. side, Cat. or regular <?>. I am thinking about trying to ?wring in with some of them in some such way, but it seems so much like blackmail that the idea is almost repulsive.

¹ FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

The annual convention of Ticket & Passenger Agents in Saratoga the 17th inst. Am thinking going. If so, should start by Tuesday P.M. the 14th inst. Would you like to see me either at Attica or N. Y. City? If so, please telegraph me at once on receipt of this. Please accept of my kindest regards.

T. Penfield