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**TO:** R. S. Stevens

**FROM:** W. J. Hilton

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

*W. J. Hilton*  
*Treasurer.*

*Hannibal, Mo.* Sept 11 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.  
General Manager, &c.  
New York

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you statement of earnings for the month of August 1875.

By a comparison with the statement of earnings for August 1874, which you will find in the Secretary's Office, you will observe that in the item of "Mail" we run largely behind. This is accounted for in the fact that the government paid us in August 1874, about \$17,000 for extra services performed during the previous year.

We have no credit in "Car mileage" to report for August, and a much smaller item of miscellaneous. These, in connection with the large falling off in Passenger and Freight all account for the decrease in earnings as compared with the corresponding month in 1874.

Matters in my department are moving <?> nicely, the receipts from the line continue to keep up first rate.

The payments for July were completed a week ago, and I have paid most of the line ?purchases for the same month.

I have written to the C. B. & Q. R.R. folks ?that when you returned from New York we would <?> some satisfactory arrangement with them in reference to their accounts.

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

The Pullman Palace Car Co. has written me asking for a settlement of their claim for mileage and for the loss of the sleeper "Chillicothe" burned on the Wabash Road. I replied saying you were in New York, and that as soon as you returned, I would lay the matter before you and report.

We are now owing the Quincy R.R. Bridge Co. about \$25,000, this to September 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been to Chicago and purchased the necessary dining room outfit for the "Carver", which is now on the Coach.

I have on hand about \$40,000. I do not keep in Bank an amount to exceed \$10M.

Yours truly,

W. J. Hilton

Treas.