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**TO: W. H. Harris**  
**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

Oct. 5th, 1875

W. H. Harris, Esq.  
Vice Prest, R. M. Co.  
Kansas City

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 25th ult. has just reached me.

We should be very glad to get the hauling of your old rails, and indeed whatever freights you may have, which would properly come over our line.

In regard to our requirements for new rails during the winter, I can only say at this time, that the prospects are, that we shall buy very little if any more iron rails. Before I took charge of the Road, the Managing Director made contracts for quite a number of tons of steel, which still holds good, and the decision of the Executive Committee at a recent meeting was to buy no more iron, at least only enough to do repairs during the coming winter.

Several of our directors are expected here next week, and at that time the matter will be more fully discussed, and probably some decision looking to a permanent plan of operation in the future will be decided upon.

From your statement it appears that this Company is indebted to you 121.<sup>1845</sup> tons of old rails. Our books show an indebtedness against you of \$1,272.33 for freight carried.

How will it suit you to credit this on the iron account, and then we send you old iron for the balance. Upon this basis what will you allow us per ton for the iron, to the extent of \$1,272.33. I am anxious to close up all these old accounts such as accrued before my day and start with a clean sheet.

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."

What is the prospect of your getting your Kansas City mill to work,  
and when.

Yours respectfully,

R. S. Stevens

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