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**TO: B. F. Carver**  
**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

Oct. 7th, 1875

B. F. Carver, Esq.  
M. D., H. and St. Joe.  
Grand Pacific [Hotel], Chicago

Dear Sir:-

I fear it will be impossible for me to meet you in Chicago, as I am called upon to go to Saint Joseph this morning, for the purpose of meeting the Supt's of various Roads, crossing the Atchison bridge, and effecting an arrangement relative to tolls on freight transferred at that point. Probably before returning I shall go to Kansas City, and look over our depot grounds.

As I stated in my letter yesterday, there is no Saturday night train over C. B. & Q. to Quincy. Presume you will remain in Chicago over Sunday, leaving there Sunday night, and arriving in Quincy Monday morning, where I will meet you with special.

In the absence of any plans to the contrary, I would very much like to have you come this way, either via the "Quincy & Alton", crossing the bridge here, or up to Palmyra, and run in from that point - the desire being, that you and your party should see our grounds, shops and the condition of affairs here, before starting west. If you do not, it is more than likely, that before closing your trip, you will get hurried, or short of time & will be called back to New York, and compelled to leave without examination here. I hope your company will allow the plan I suggest, and come this way. However, if you have any different plan advise me by telegraph and I will arrange accordingly.

Yours respectfully,  
R. S. Stevens, G.M.  
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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."