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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Thomas Jobson

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
Genl. Manager

Dr Sir:-

I have promised to pay my men one fourth 1/4 of a cent pr bu. more than is paid by the mines under controll of Epperson & Shortridge. I have been compelled to do this to pay the men for the distance they have to walk to get to their work. All is on a/c of those parties having resorted to electioning among my men to draw them from the Co. mine. I feel that I have been forced to do this to protect myself & the road. Those parties tell me they cannot furnish your road for less than Eight cents pr Bu. Anything that I do to keep up your supply will not be done for the purpose of increasing the cost of the supply.

I would make you this proposition to take affect on and after Nov 1st 1875, that I will furnish the road for 2 cents pr Bu. in advance of price paid for mining, the Company having the right to fix the price that shall be paid pr Bu. for mining.

The road is almost entirely out of coal, they not having carried any stock at Bkfd [Brookfield], Hannibal or K. City. I will use my effort to keep up the supply <?> anything that I can do to keep down the cost of coal to the road will be done willingly. Please drop me note at Macon. If you have any suggestions to make I would remark that Mr. Epperson & Godfrey in this arrangements at Bevier is only temporary, as these mines will be sold on 29th of this month and we do not know who will be the operators.

Yours Resp

Oct. 11/75

Thos Jobson

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.