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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Franklin Bond

TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,

275 South Fourth Street

Philadelphia, Nov. 2nd 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
General Manager,
Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad,
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Colonel:-

I find your letter of the 19th ulto. on my return from a trip to Texas. I had had some talk with our general superintendent in reference to Mr. Dorwin.

We do not need him for our own line, but I advised, if Hoxie and Soaper would agree, that he should be employed for the through line. I think However that there may be some little difficulty on the part of the Iron Mountain Company coming into the arrangement as I think his relations with the passenger agent of the Iron Mountain road, Mr. Allen, who is a son of the president, are not of the most friendly character.

I missed seeing Mr. Allen as I came through, and I had it on my mind to bring the subject to his notice.

Thanks for your kind mention of T. & P. matters, and the St. Louis Convention. I think its action will be favorable to our road, and will materially help us before Congress.

In reference to the pass matter, there has been some changes in the lines between Saint Louis and Indianapolis, and passes are not now given at the P. R. R. office between those points. If possible, I will procure passes from here to Indianapolis for Mssrs. Halliday and Mirick, but it by no means follows that if I ask for a pass I get it, for the P. R. R. C. have become much more rigid during the past year than ever before, in consequence of their constitutional prohibition. All I can do is to make the

application. If I hear from it well and good; if I do not that will be the end of it.

I have heard nothing recently in reference to the M. K. & T. My brother² is now west I believe, and I heard a rumor in St. Louis that the bond holders had not taken kindly to the last proposition made, but of this I know nothing.

When are you coming east? Shall hope to see you in case you should be in this city, or in New York, as I am there almost every week.

Yours Truly,
Franklin Bond

Enclosed please find copy of my talk to the Texas Constitutional Convention <?> on R. R.s. What do you think of it.

¹FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.

²Franklin Bond's brother was William Bond, Receiver in Bankruptcy of the M. K. & T.