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**TO: A. A. Talmage**  
**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

Nov. 6, 1875

A. A. Talmage, Esq.  
Genl. Supt., A. & P.  
St. Louis -  
Dr Sir:-

Our coal trade has increased so rapidly we need (for a time at least) some 20 to 40 more coal cars. Have you a surplus? If so, would you rent us, on mileage basis, that n<sup>o</sup>? If so, on what mileage?

Truly yours,  
R. S. Stevens  
Genl Mgr.

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