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**TO:** R. S. Stevens  
**FROM:** C. G. Epperson

OFFICE OF  
MISSOURI  
COAL AND MINING Co.,  
CAPITAL \$300,000

Macon, Mo., Novr 6<sup>th</sup> 1875

R. S. Stevens, Gen Mangr  
H. & St. Jo R.R.  
Hannibal, Mo.

We are being fearfully abused for not sending coal forward promptly. We have orders for & can load 35 to 40 cars per day and we are getting but little more than half enough to supply the demands upon us. Got not enough yesterday to supply R.R. order. We are satisfied that Mr. Bennett is doing the very best he can, but the cars get off the road and do not return promptly. Can't you devise some means to help us out. Trade not supplied promptly will likely be lost to the road.

Yrs Truly  
C. G. Epperson, Pt.

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.