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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: D. C. Brooks

THE CHICAGO RAILWAY REVIEW,

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 28th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

I regret that the article was deemed too personal; yet I do not see how any vindication of the Road could well have been made in any other way. As it was published over my initials, I think that all readers will acquit you of any responsibility in the matter. At the same time, I appreciate your feelings and can see that you even might have perhaps been <line unreadable> General Manager.

I did not know, when I saw report of N. Y. Election, but that you had retired, or were about to retire; but if you remain, it is certainly all right, so far as the attitude of the paper is concerned. I felt that in spite of your known repugnance to personal mention, that you not merely deserved it, but that no other method would do you full justice; & I think that I ought to be commended for so moderate a eulogy when a much fuller & warmer one would have been true & just.

I am not alone in thinking that M. K. & T. would be merely among the things "that might have been," but for you, and in what I wrote <?> only this personal opinion.

I won't make bad worse by explaining anything in the Review, & think the matter had better rest as it is.

In replying to this, please inform me if that document on St. L. K. & No. was at all satisfactory.

I <line unreadable> from Review in February & am looking for something to do. If any "odd job" comes in your way, help me to it. Sometime I would like to look over the ground with you. I don't know that

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

there is anything likely to present itself in the R.R. line; but it seems to me as though there are many things that I am peculiarly qualified to do.

In view of probable severance of connection with the paper, the Land Matter ought to be closed up at once; besides, as already hinted, if I had title to land, I might use it to considerable advantage in real estate transactions here.

I have odds & ends of real estate here worth some \$15,000 which have to be protected, in way of interest, to the amount of some \$700 per year. If I could find something to do worth \$2,000 or \$2,500 a year, I could protect those & live well enough besides.

If you can serve me in any way, do so, but I <two lines unreadable> which any fitting engagement would involve.

Very Truly Yours,
D. C. Brooks