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**TO:** R. S. Stevens  
**FROM:** William Bond

**Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.**

WILLIAM BOND,

*Receiver*

*Sedalia, Missouri, December 15<sup>th</sup> 187 5*

R. S. Stevens, Esq.,  
General Manager,  
H. & S. J. R.R.,  
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 14<sup>th</sup> is duly at hand.

The 17 X 24 engine you desire to test on one of your grades will be placed at your service. Directions have been given by Maj. Garner to Mr. Frey to send the Engine to Hannibal whenever called for by yourself or by any of your officers.

In answer to your letter about the lumber for the Kansas City Elevator, which I should have answered earlier had I not expected to see you, I am advised by our officers that no rates were cut by us either directly or indirectly, that the contract for freight was made with the St L., K. C. and N. & that as a matter of fact the reason it was shipped by way of Moberly was solely because of feeling that had arisen between the consignee and your company, causing him to give preemptory instructions as to the route for consignment.

Yours Respectfully,  
William Bond

Receiver

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