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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: John H. Lewis

Lingo, Mo Dec 20/75

Mr. Stephens

Genl Manager
H. & St. Joe R.R.

Dr Sir:-

I have written to Mr. Courtright asking for a reduction on rates for coal from Lingo to St. Joseph and Atchison. I have rec'd notice from parties at St Joseph to whom I am shipping from 3 to 5 cars per day that unless I can get a less rate than I now have they will have to decline taking coal from us. I have been selling coal at the lowest rate possible for us to make a very small profit and if I can't get a lower rate will have to close up the mine & stop work. If I can get a reduction on Freight of a few Dolls per car I can increase my shipments considerably but I cannot operate the mine at the present rates on coal to Atchison & St Joseph.

Very Respct,

John H. Lewis, Supt.

?Ap. (?E.K.) C. & M. Co.

¹FROM: Book of Letters to R.S.S. from 8-1875 to 1-1876.