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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: A. B. Stone

CLEVELAND ROLLING MILL CO., Cleveland, Ohio
UNION ROLLING MILL CO., Chicago, Ill.
DECATUR ROLLING MILL CO., Decatur, Ill.

A. B. STONE, President,

64 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK, Oct 9th 187 5

Col. R. S. Stevens

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 4th and note contents. It is very probable that the present grade of some portions of the line can be raised cheaper by cars after the track is laid, altho this ought to be avoided, unless a great saving can be made, on account of the danger of crooking the rails.

While we are willing to pay a fair profit for completing the line, I trust your friend will not put his figures so high as to prevent my associates from accepting his bid. Do not close any arrangement with the other line until we can see what we can do.

You speak of "Twelve" tons of old Rails. Have you not made a mistake in these figures? Please correct (if wrong) this portion of your letter & telegraph to me here, or by letter to Cleveland where I expect to go the last of next week. We shall be glad to furnish you <?> Steel Rails of course. We would take old rails at Atchison and will deliver Steel Rails at Hannibal.

Please note that I expect to go to Cleveland the last of next week.

Truly Yours,
A. B. Stone

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

[NOTE: Handwritten below is:]

Wrote Mr. S. correcting error.

C. S. F.