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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: E. C. D. Shortridge

## OFFICE OF

## MISSOURI

## COAL & MINING COMPANY CAPITAL \$300,000

Macon, Mo. Oct. 20 187 5

R. S. Stevens, Esqr.

Gen. Manager, H. & St. Jo.

Dear Sir:-

We are short of coal cars today and from years of experience in the coal trade in the Road I am fuly persuaded that you havent coal cars enough on the line to supply the trade this Winter. Mr. Barnard of the KC proposes to supply us for his use, if he can make satisfactory arrangements with you. Your agt. at St. Joe informed him that you had Coal cars to spare which is certainly a mistake, <u>intentionally</u> or otherwise. If he can get his <u>mpter once</u>, we think we can get his supply another year.

Mr. Towne also has some coal cars which he would like to send us for the use of his Road.

Please give this matter your earliest attention and much

Obliged Yours &c

E. C. D. Shortridge

Gen Supt.

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