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TO: George S. Bangs FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 11th, 1875

Geo. S. Bangs, Esq. Supt., Ry. Mail Service

Dear Sir:-

While at Atchison yesterday I learned that the mail from the east were very much delayed by laying over one train at Saint Joseph. It seems that the H. and St. Joe has no contract from Saint Joseph to Atchison, and the mails from the east destined for Atchison are sent to St. Joseph, and lay there quite a little time.

We have a train running from Cameron to Saint Joseph, and thence to Atchison in connection with all our western bound trains, and if you will give orders from the Route Agents on the postal cars to punch and label the mails destined for Atchison, and deliver it to our train baggageman, I will see that orders are given for taking it <u>direct</u> to Atchison, thus avoiding all delay at St. Joseph and be of great service to the business community of A.

I would also request, that orders be given for mail service on this portion of our route — to wit, Saint Joseph to Atchison.

Senator Ingalls, now in Washington I think, will satisfy you of the importance of the Line, and the necessities therefor.

I write this to you having had so much correspondence in times past on the mail question, and if you have not the matter in charge please refer it to the proper officer, and I hope with your favorable endorsement.

Yours respectfully, R. S. Stevens

Genl. Manager.

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