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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: A. A. Talmage

OFFICE OF
General Superintendent
ATLANTIC & PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.
LESSEE
PACIFIC RAILROAD, (OF MISSOURI.)

St. Louis, Dec 2nd 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
Genl Manager, M. K. & T. R.R.

Dear Sir,

In my opinion the Trunk Lines West of Chicago, St. Louis and Hannibal should meet and agree upon some better system for settling with their connecting Lines for the use of Freight Cars. As a rule the Trunk Lines referred to do furnish the bulk of Equipment for the transaction of business on their connecting Lines. It is my experience that great abuse exists in the use of our Cars on these Lines. They are often used in local business. Are frequently loaded with freight to go via a competing Line. Are diverted from their legitimate Line and are away from home sometimes three and four months. This will be the case so long as we allow them to be run on a Milage (*sic*) basis. I therefore recommend that we meet and agree upon a just and equitable basis for a per diem charge for the use of Cars. It will then be to the interest of all parties to hurry home Foreign Cars. If my suggestion meets with your views would recommend a meeting of Genl Managers and Genl Supts be held at Union Depot St Louis at 10 A.M. Tuesday Dec 14th to discuss and decide upon the best plan to do this business so that the new arrangement may take effect January 1st 1876.

Respectfully Yours,
A. A. Talmage
Genl Supt.

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