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**TO: R. S. Stevens**  
**FROM: E. C. Beaman**

**HANNIBAL & ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY,**

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT CAR DEPARTMENT.

*Hannibal, Mo., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 187 5*

R. S. Stevens, Esq.  
Gen'l Man'g'r  
Sir:-

I called to see you to day, but found you were absent. I have determined to leave the M. K. & T. as it is not pleasant for me. I have Mr. Dorwin, Warren. and others who are very hostile to me, and no doubt you know why the hostility exists.

Another reason why I desire to leave the above road, is, that the track is very bad between here and Sedalia, and will be worse before it is better. It is so bad now, that some train is off almost daily, and I do not want to get my neck broke, just at present.

If there is any position you can give on your road, I am ready to accept it, as I have tendered my resignation to Mr. Fox, and I presume on my return tomorrow I will find the acceptance of the same. You know what I am capable of doing, and I have always done whatever you required of me, I believe to your satisfaction.

I would esteem it a personal favor, if you would answer me at Sedalia, as soon as you conveniently can, for if you can offer me nothing, I shall go at once to Chicago.

Yours etc.,

E. C. Beaman

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.