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TO: R. S. Stevens Esq.

FROM: T. Penfield

Hannibal and St. Joseph Rail Road Co.
Passenger Department

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Gen'l. Passenger Agent

Hannibal, Mo. Sept. 5th 1875

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Genl Manager, H. & St. Jo R.R.
Attica, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I arrived from the West this A.M. & find your favor of the 2^d inst awaiting. The L. L. & G. & Fort Scott folks find that Davis is "working their tickets for all that's out" They find their tickets are served the same as ours & so telegraphed Thiel to come to Kan City & asked me to meet them. I think Davis is the "head centre" and our man only auxiliary from the fact that Davis buys so many Drafts for other parties.

They find there is a new scalping office in Dallas, Ottawa, Detroit & Quincy. They wished us to work with them to which I agreed. I will at once notify Guidry as directed.

I think C. B. & Q. are working all Freight possible by their <?> Route. But don't try to influence passengers that way on acct. of the time. (Especial to & from Kansas City & beyond) from <?> to Chicago they make better time than we do, i.e., they leave <?> and arrive at the same time. I wish the Wabash people would consent to let the Toledo sleeper run to <?> & Atchison instead of Kan. City. Could then ride in either car to Cameron & after supper take their respective <?>. Then passengers for St Jo would not be able to get up at Cameron unless the <?>.

The Wabash & I have hired a new man in the west as against the Vandalia, I. & St. L., O. & M., who have each put two new men in the west. We have got a good man & pay him <?>. Bridge Train to Atchison was not <?> success, though more than enough to pay expenses.

¹ FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

The platform is ready for the St Jo Exposition. Barnard when cornered ordered <?> of plank turned over to me for use [cost?]. They moved from our track. While in St. Jo Friday I arranged for the St. Jo & ?Denison people to run an Excursion train to our old Passenger Depot on Eighth St. This will give me all their business as our Exposition trains will start from there. I shall try to match all the <?> & do the very best that I can.

I trust your lameness will be of short duration and that you will soon be "fully restored to health and <?> again".

Very Truly Yours

T. Penfield