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"The bids will be considered in the order of their figures to the Government and the contract will undoubtedly be offered to the lowest bidder Your bid left here with as good endorsements as were put upon my bid. The Dept at Washington will undoubtedly do nothing until after the Presidential matter is settled. Genl Sanborn will watch it closely and report if anything is necessary." Feb. 23. I believe there is no longer any doubt but that Terry gets the Missouri River transportation. I am not surprised at this for the reason that I have never yet known the Govt. to refuse a lower bid  a higher....Another year we must be the lowest bidders.

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