

Elkins, Senator T. B.

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Hill to S. Spencer, New York

I spent an evening with Senator Elkins and went into Interstate Commerce Commission subject very fully. He is anxious to do what he can to bring about such legislation as will be acceptable to the railways."I think it would be very much better for the roads to agree on some simple amendment to the Bill which will be acceptable to the country at large... If.. they are not ready to agree on amendments...we should at least secure the repeal of the present law and substitute therefor a good stiff fine against the Companies. As you know, it is

impossible to secure any evidence of wrong doing against the individuals, but this evidence would be readily forthcoming if personal punishment were removed."

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