

Iowa - Coal

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Hill to Hamilton Browne

The Milwaukee Road have to build about 200 miles of road to save their land grant the present summer. So no hope from them until the next year. Washburn's company is very hard up notwithstanding a good winter business. Think several roads will build into [our coal]lands within a few years, connecting both with Saint Paul and Minneapolis and also with points west of Mankato on the Sioux City RR, as they have during the past few years passed resolutions authorizing that. I cannot advise re Bullock's diamond drill. We must find someone with enough money to build a road. Merrill will do so, if

he can get his director to sanction it; further
I have a hope that I can aid him with money
provided his company will give us a very low
rate on freight both north and south.

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