Le Duc, Wm. G. June 30, 1912

Wm. G. Le Duc to James J. Hill.

"I too single handed and alone directly after my return from the army, attempted to build a railroad across the continent from Hastings to Puget Sound [Hastings & Dakota] and after obtaining my charter and a very valuable land grant, and having built the first section was betrayed and robed [sic] by Russel Sage saw my scheme wrecked the public land grant divided up to increase the hoards of private persons, the road delayed for many year ..." General correspondence by date