

Milwaukee Road

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Hill to C. H. Coster carbon & letterbook

Re Milwaukee road's project of building from Twin Cities to Duluth nearly parallel to our line and that of the St. Paul & Duluth Road. "There are at present three lines between the Twin Cities and Duluth, which have capacity to handle several times as much traffic as is moving at the present time.... Earling met me on my way home from New York and we discussed the whole situation. He told me that they had tried to get control of the St. Paul and Duluth, but owing to the shares being so widely scattered they" failed and "were reluctantly driven to consider building a line. I ... urged

that inasmuch as the Common stockholders were moving in a plan to acquire the Preferred stock by sale of lands, &c., we should take the matter up with the stockholders' committee and I thought he could get control on quite favorable terms, and in the meantime ... we would have his freight from the Twin Cities to Lake Superior at 60¢ per ton... Later, when he could get control of the St. Paul and Duluth on fair terms, he could cancel his arrangement with us. Mr. Earling was well pleased with this plan/" More re the railroads to Duluth and Superior.

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