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Hill to E. T. Nichols

"By a series of special acts (the first one in the year 1856) the Minnesota legislature incorporated the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Railroad Co. and ~~emp~~powered it to construct a main line of railway from Minneapolis via St. Cloud to the head waters of Lake Superior, with several branches, one of them to run from St. Cloud in a southwesterly direction to connect with the Winona & St. Peter Railroad. The acts also authorized the company to consolidate its main line or branches or any part of the same, with any other connecting railroad. Under this legislation the branch above-mentioned, to extend from St. Cloud in a southwesterly direction was segregated from the

residue of the property, and consolidated with several other companies having connecting lines so that a route was formed from St. Cloud, southwesterly to Mankato, and thence woutheasterly, to Austin in this state. The consolidated organization was called the St. Cloud, Mankato & Austin Railroad Co. It was this company of which the capital stock was acquired by the American Railway Construction Co. The [Manitoba Road] about the time of the consolidation referred to, and the resulting segregation of the southwestern branch from the main line, acquired the entire capital stock of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Co. which it has ever since held. But, the American Railway Construction Co. has never owned any spark of interest therein. The Eastern Railway

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Company of Minnesota was formed by the consolidation of the Lake Superior and Southwestern, a Wisconsin corporation, with that part of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Co.'s line between Hinkley and Lake Superior."

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