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Minneapolis & St. Cloud R.R. Co.

"By a series of special acts (the first one passed in 1856) the Minnesota Legislature incorporated the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Railroad Co." The main line was to run from Minneapolis via St. Cloud to Lake Superior with several branches. These acts also authorized the company to consolidate its main line or branches with any other existing railroad. One branch consolidated with several companies to form a line from St. Cloud, to Mankato and then to Austin. This became the St. Cloud, Mankato & Austin R.R. Co. It was acquired by American Construction Co. about the same time the St.

Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba acquired the entire capital stock of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Co. Then the Eastern Railway Co. of Minnesota was formed by consolidation of the Lake Superior and Southwestern (a Wisconsin Corporation) with the part of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud company's line between Hinckley and Lake Superior.

See: Letterbook (4/12/88-2/7/89, pages 489-90.