July 30,1898 Pacific Northwest - Resources Hill to J. S. Kennedy Re railroad development on Hill's lines, especially the Eastern Extension [Eastern Minn.] and Spokane Falls & Northern. Agrees about the future of Pacific Coast. Steel industry of U.S. owe its position to its superior iron ore & low price of ore laid down at the furnaces; this is rapidly placing this country in the foremost position among the world's great steel producing countries. Rich deposits 26 miles north of our Fosston Line and in the state of Washington and abundance of the best coking coal & limestone on the islands ir Puget Sound. Proposes

a trip over the line for his chief investing friends.

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