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Hill to Robbins, Sauk Centre

"I think you will have to haul the old ties lying west of Alexandria as far East as they will reach and the farther the better. We stopped at Clough's camp and found they had about 4000 tie all told at Albany and about 1000 more in the woods at the present camp. They are making 300 ties a day with about 18 men. The farmers are not bringing out any ties and I am afraid Clough will be disappointed in them. If he can put in a party up in the Alexandria woods it will help out very much. I do not think you will see your way to ties enough to go to tracklaying until the first of next week  soonest.... I think you will find that heretofore they have taken

any lumber timber or anything else they found handy without regard to what [?] it belonged to. We go up to Snake River today returning tomorrow night. Clough has sent a man up to look at the timber on Middle River for ties. I think our great trouble will be for want of ties notwithstanding Clough expects to give us a mile a day."

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