St.Cloud, Mankato & Austin Rd. Feb.6, 1886 Henry D. Minot to Harace Bigelow, St.Paul Re Franchise of the road: "Under authority of...

various acts, that part of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud charter covering lines South of St.Cloud was separated and afterwards consolidated with a Corporation organized under the general laws as the Mankato & St. Cloud Railroad Company, the two being united under the corporate title of the St. Cloud Mankato & Austin Railroad Company. See Chapter 81 of the special acts of 1885 recognizing this corporation, confirming the land grant and extending the period of construction until December 1887. The pital stock of this last named Company was ted in the Railway Improvement Company of North America ... under

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Ry. Company by Mr. John S. Kennedy and associates in New York." Stock held in trust for the benefit equally of the Manitoba Ry. Co. and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. "We now desire that in consideration of the sums of money advanced by us to said Imporvement Company and owed by it to us, we shall have assigned to us that portion of the franchise covering a line from St. Cloud through Litchfield to Hutchinson. We could then assign our interest in the Improv ment Co.'s stock to the Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul Railway Company leaving them in full contr of the remainder of the franchise. Minot's letterBook, 1/22/86-12/31/86, p.29