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Hill to Sanders

Thanks for the interest you have shown."The Congressional legislation provided that a commission appointed by the Sec. of the Int. should fix a price upon the right of way thru the Ind. Reservation, which has been done, & the money has been paid to the proper officers of the Government. This legislation gave us the right to take materials, etc., adjacent to the line." "The embankments along the Missouri & Milk rivers in many places for miles, are 8 to 10 feet high, and must be allowed to settle, & the deficiency or settlement be replaced by

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more material before the road can be completed far enough to ballast. In other places the native clay, commonly called 'gumbo'...has to be thoroughly graveled for 2 or 3 yrs. before it can be held firmly under the track of the railway."

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