

Stephen, George

Oct. 19, 1878

Hill to Stephen

Re more delays on track-laying. Also re sending proof to Dillon of completion of work in order to get an early date set, Nov. 15 if possible.

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Hopes for Stephen's success with Litchfield.

"I hve seen Thompson about Becker resigning as trustee. We laid 1½ miles yesterday on Sauk Valley Line with 77 men all told and will be in Osakis tomorrow night, leaving 11½ miles to lay to Alexandria."

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Hill to Stephen, "Personal & Confidential."

Re division of profits between the four men who engineered the reorganization of the railroad. "We all know how you have devoted your time, money and credit to bring about the result arrived at -- but in my own case you are too liberal. The business which I gave up yielded me an income of about \$15,000 per annum." Travel, telegraph, & similar expenses have been about \$4200. So, reduce my share to \$15,000 and use the rest of mine(as proposed by you) to increase your own.

As for reasons why track is no farther toward boundary, they are lack of material and "fear-

ful weather." The wet country that Smith passed over has become, from further rains, more entirely covered with water on the East side over a foot deep. Windmills put up at the pumps along the line work slowly and train are badly delayed for want of water. I suggest steam pumps as they would not cost any more to build or operate at places where there is a man kept to pile wood, and I think they will use them. My man Willis is doing well with track-laying - is laying over a mile a day with one engine and 15 flat cars.

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