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Hill writes him re Duluth and Winnipeg rr. but has learned Greenway is again trying to revive construction of a line towards Duluth by way of South end of Lake of the Woods, so as to reach the gold mines and timber east of Rat Portage & on Rainy Lake River and thence to join some of present Mesaba Range lines or to build through to Duluth for iron ore trade. His friend Mc Naught, formerly of N.P. rr. has tried to induce Rockefeller to join the enterprise. "I know Rockefeller quite well, & a short time ago had a letter from him saying that under no circumstances would he extend his line to the West or Northwest that it is a local railway built

to haul his ores to the lake, and for no other purpose. If Greenway [redacted] becomes active in this matter I think it would be comparatively easy to secure his aid for a local Company to be organized by outside parties. There would be no difficulty in securing McNaught, as a few thousand dollars will always settle him in whatever direction may be desired." Describes new route just surveyed for Duluth and Winnipeg from W¹ Superior to Fosston, leaving old D&W at Cloquet because of heavy grades. [Hill is evidently swapping Van Horne's D & W for privileges in the Southwest, such as grain trade to the East and lumber to the Southwest.]

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