

Van Horne, William C.

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Hill to Van Horne, Gen. Supt. Milwaukee Road  
Re a railroad in Webster County, Iowa. "I have  
about 2300 acres of land ... thoroughly tested.  
State geologist pronounces it the best coal  
field in Iowa... Would like to run down there w  
with you and make a personal examination of the  
whole thing... Our Company would use from 25 to  
40,000 tons annually and as much more could be  
sold in St. Paul and Minneapolis and on the  
Prairie north." A road from these coal fields  
to Mason City or Garner would bring the coal  
within less than 200 miles of St. Paul. Your  
new Dakota Lines being entirely dependent on

coal would also be benefitted.

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