

March 23rd, 1906.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs,

This will introduce to you Mr. M. K. Rodgers, who is a Civil and Mining Engineer. Mr. Rodgers has been for several years in charge of work for Marcus Daly and his associates and more recently he has opened and operated for the Daly Estate with marked success a large gold mine which he discovered in British Columbia known as the "Nickel Plate."

Mr. Rodgers is about to leave for Alaska for the purpose of exploring its most promising copper districts and I have asked him to call upon you.

I have known Mr. Rodgers for some time and am able to bespeak for him full confidence as to his integrity and ability.

Yours truly,

March 23rd, 1906.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs,

I have just given to Mr. W. H. Rodgers a letter of introduction to you. He was formerly in our Engineering Department and has been for several years employed by Marcus Daly and his associates. I found him on his way to Alaska to join his brother, who is already there, with a view to exploring the Copper River and other promising districts.

I have asked him to call upon you for the reason that I know him to be a very hard worker and a successful one, who will do his work thoroughly and well.

I am looking for an Engineer for you but the location of a railway in Alaska calls for a man of good experience as to climate, snow-fall in winter, rain-fall in summer and the danger of floods from both melting snow and rain. Again, there is the question of glaciers and the streams issuing from them. Upon the whole the situation wants a man who has a great deal of common sense as well as technical ability.

While writing the above Mr. Rodgers called for his letter and after a full conversation with him, I think you would do well to



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to consider putting him in charge of your work to look after it from the business and money standpoint, giving him a good engineering staff to do the field work, etc. I think his mountain experience together with his strong common sense would, in the end, bring better results than are apt to be realized under any plan where the Engineer decides the location independently.

I hope to be in New York about the twentieth of April.

Yours truly,

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March 26th, 1906.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs,

After writing you a day or so ago, I have turned the question of Engineer over in my mind further, and have learned more about Mr. Rodgers. While he is a Civil Engineer and a man of good sound judgment and has spent the past fifteen years or more in the mountains from Mexico to British Columbia, his time and attention have been more in the direction of mining engineering and exploring. Mr. Rodgers discovered and opened the Nickel Plate Daly gold mine, which is turning out one of the largest gold producers in the country, and for which the owners have refused five million dollars. The conditions under which he worked for Mr. Daly were upon a percentage of ownership in what he discovered, and, I understand, he has fifteen per cent. of the Nickel Plate mine. He recommended the Greene Copper properties to Daly and Haggin before Greene took them up and when they could have been secured at nominal prices. I do not know of any one better qualified in that direction than Mr. Rodgers and from what I learn in regard to him he is a man of first rate integrity, sound judgment and good business habits. I think he is a cousin of Gayley, the Vice President of the Steel Corporation. If I were to build a road in Alaska, reaching any of the copper or ore tonnage



properties, I would rather have Mr. Rodgers than any man I know of, and would allow him to get his own Engineers to do the work under his direction. The location of the road is fixed by the stream, but its adjustment to the ground calls for experience and knowledge of mountain conditions, so as to avoid danger from floods which make the streams mountain torrents, either from melting snow or heavy rainfall. Aside from the location the building of the line and the disbursement of the money is a very important matter, and I think it would be well worth your while to talk the matter over thoroughly with Mr. Rodgers while he is in New York. If there are any good copper properties in Alaska he will be likely to find them and his knowledge would be invaluable as to the tonnage to be reached by the railway.

Yours truly,