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James J. Hill, Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 14th instant.

We should like very much to push the Shipping Bill and are doing all we can at this end. I hope you will do what you can to assist.

I am very glad to hear your gratifying reports of the general outlook for business.

Regarding the merger suit, it seems to me it would be very advantageous if we could force the Power suit to trial in June. We are practically certain of a favorable decision in that suit, and I think we could use such a decision to great advantage in the other branches of the litigation. If you concur, won't you kindly stir Mr. Bunn up a little bit.

Mr. Bacon has been here for a short time, but did not come to the office at all. He returned to England today. He was much disappointed not to find you here, as he was most anxious to have a good long talk with you about the whole situation.

With kindest regards, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

