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James J. Hill, Esq.,
President, etc.,
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My dear Mr. Hill:-

This is the time of year when we look over our records to make out and collect bills. As you know, we have during the past year done some work for the Great Northern. If the business is to be regarded as unfinished, we might suggest a retainer, or the payment on account, of such sum as you please. Or do you prefer that we send a bill for services to date? Or shall we let the matter be as it is for the present?

Like the New York dude, in the new western town, whom you told us of, "We can wait".

We would be glad to have a copy of the briefs and record on which your case was submitted to the Supreme Court. We trust the result will be just what you desire.

Very truly yours,

John W. Simpson

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