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HOWARD JAMES,
Superintendent.

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Edward D. Adams Esq.

Mills Building, New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I am leaving tonight for the Pacific Coast. I wired you today in regard to the Minneapolis Times article. Mr. Lamont leaves here tonight for New York, and expects, I understand, to be back here in a short time. I do not think either Mr. Mellen or himself have gone far enough to enable them to decide how much time Lamont will spend in the East. He tells me that he has already discovered work enough to keep him very busy. Mellen is taking hold in real earnest, and with a view of putting an effectual stop to the extravagance that has prevailed on the Northern Pacific during the past year. He appears to be very resolute and determined in his policy, and will no doubt bring Northern Pacific expenditures to a much lower figure than they have ever been. I find his knowledge of operation and his ideas of economy are much better than I had supposed. He does not seem to be in a hurry to remove officers of the Northern Pacific Company, but rather to make their tenure of office dependent on the results they bring in the operation of their various departments.

Your letter of the 1st, covering copy of Mr. Winter's, is duly received. I do not know the particulars of the matter, but I think this whole subject is kept alive by parties whose interest is not in the direction of helping the Northern Pacific property, and it may be well enough

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not to dignify the matter with giving it any attention.

Yours very truly,

HOWARD JAMES,
Superintendent.