

Office of the Collector of Customs,

Port of Duluth, Minn.,

Jan 12th, 1893.

Hon J. J. Hill

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am trying to secure an appointment as R.R. Commissioner to succeed Jno. P. Williams whose term expires Jan 22nd inst. I should be exceedingly glad to have your friendship, and good offices in the matter.

You are aware of my connection with the similar Board in Dakota. Fully advised of my attitude toward the railroads during all that period.

I need not say, I presume, that I should do nothing adverse to your interests, if appointed.

Anything that you can do to secure me the position, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Very truly yours

D. E. West

Special Dep Collector
Customs