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Mobile, Ala., July 16th 1892

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St Paul, Minn

Dear Sir

I have an enterprise I wish to lay before you. as for Money Making Cant be excelled in America. Thirty Miles South of this City at the Mouth of Mobile Bay at deep water I have secured 2000 acres including all the water front. except what belongs to the U. S. Reservation. There is 24 feet over the outer bar. and from 25 to 54 feet in the harbor. The only Harbor on the Gulf of Mexico that does not have to ask aid of the Government. By building a Railroad from the Mouth of the Bay North to Bay Minnett on the Louisville and Nashville 65 Miles would be the connecting link between the lines from the North and deep water with this line
over

build there would be four trunk lines
 ready to buy said line, Mobile is too
 far from deep water, with this line built
 we will build up at the Mouth of the
 Bay the Metropolis of the Gulf, The work
 ships of the world will be in North and
 Central Ala, and at the Mouth of the
 Bay will be the great Commercial Center
 through which must pass the products of
 Mines factories fields and forest on their
 way to the Markets of the world, and re-
 ceive in return the products of other Countries
 Cotton Made the New England States we
 have it and they have it not, and the
 Mfrs. are moving to the Crude article,
 Coal and Iron Made Pa and Ala can
 produce it cheaper, The Ala, Tombigby
 rivers and their tributaries will be to the
 Coal fields of Ala, what the Ohio river
 has been to Pa. Ala has an inexhaustible
 supply, and an unlimited territory to
 supply N. O. Texas Mexico Central South-
 America and the West Indies. here will
 be the Coalining Station of the Gulf. Lumber
 Made Wis & Mich they are being exhausted

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and will move their Mills South-Missouri
J. S. Hills Blodgett and Hackley of Mich
Have bought over 700,000 acres of prime land
Commencing within 50 miles of this City
will commence locating their Mills on them
this winter, there is bound to be the lumber-
ing port of the ^{gulf} the timber is tributary to
this port either by rail or water and the
only port that the sail vessels do not have
to pay both pilotage and towage. We will
be the grain port of the Gulf, the completion
of the Bridge at Memphis gives us a direct
line to Kansas City, which City is fast-
becoming the pork beef and grain center
of the world, The tide of emmigration has
been westward, since the settlement of
James town, until the golden Shore has
been reached and there is no more west
and ~~the~~ ^{the} not only of emmigration but
both Capital and Commerce is Southward
over

The West had the East to draw from, the
 South has the North and both East and West
 in 1880 we had a world of enterprises and
 but little Money. To day we have a world
 of Money and but few enterprises, we had
 in 1880, 50,000,000 people, look what they have
 done all over this great Country and more
 especially in the West, now we have 65,000,000
 what will they do with our limited territory
 when the tide does start then will be an exodus
 from the North and West, The cheap houses
 are in the South, there is more people looking
 for houses for employment change of location
 of business trades and professions than ever
 before, with this road built we could not
 only build up a great Commercial Center but
 a health and pleasure resort for those of colder
 climes and Southern people in summer
 can have Red Snapper fishing and Surf
 bathing in the Gulf fishing and fine smooth
 sailing on the Lake which is ten miles long
 the fishing and Oysters in the Bay, Hotels will
 be open the entire year, look at the location
 fronting on this great inland Sea 65,000,000
 people north of us and 50,000,000 south of us

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Wanting each others Commerce in exchange
and with the Completion of the Nicaragua
Canal will place us midway between
Europe and Asia, we are immediately South
of Chicago and the Center of population

With an air line from said City to said point
would the best paying line North and South
on this Continent. Mr. William Deering of Chicago
the great binder Man is looking for a change
of location he can find no better than here
cheap Iron lumber and fuel, cheap transpor-
tation to Texas Mexico and South America
where his trade is growing, where he knows
McCormac will follow, we have today a car
famine. and they can not be manufactured
as cheaply any place else in America as
here on Mobile Bay.

Mr. Will if you could see your way clear to
interest your self with me in this enterprise
can you not put me in communication

That-might- The water front a low is worth more
than will cost to build the Road,

If it was advertised to the world that James J. Hill
of the Manitoba Rail Road was building a
Road to deep water at the Mouth of Mobile Bay
50,000 people would visit in said City in
Six Months, you can build this road with \$10,000
let Contract plat City and sell lots to pay
for Bldg road and Making other improvements
Will be pleased to hear from you
yours truly J. J. Reesor



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