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Mr T.L.L.Temple,President,
Kennard Texas,

My Dear Sir:

I notice that you are extending your Road to Crockett,and that you would very likely make further extensions.

We beg to call your attention to a country that is without Railroad facilities,and would doubtless be glad to give liberally for a Road,that country is from Crockett up the River to Oakwood,thence on to this place and Mexia Texas.

We are offereing a bonus of $1000 per mile Right of Way and Depot grounds to the first Road built here.

We would be pleased to hear from you at once and if you think we can interest you,we shall be glad to take the matter up with you.We have the largest and finest beds of Coal and Lignite in the state,besides having the largest body of standing,Virgin Hardwood Timber in the U.S.

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Fairfield, Texas, June 26th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell V.P.

Dibell Texas,

My Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of 23d,inst,in reply beg to say,that I will take pleasure in forwarding the Profile,Tonnage Reports & etc, of the survey made of a line from Mexia Texas to this place,to day being saturday I cant attend to this matter,but will attend to it monday 28th.

There is nomquestion,Mr Mitchell,but what the route from Crockett,crossing the I & GN at Keechi Station,thence to this place Mexia,Mart to Waco,would be one of the best in the state,Mr Yoakum in a speech in Ft Worth last year said that this route would be one of the best paying propositions in the state,and that it was only a short time before the Road would be built,you see this would be the SHORT LINE FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST,suppose you want to go to Mexia Corsicana,Mart,Wortham,or Waco,just think of the round about way you have to go.There is a tremendous traffic and travel from the east to the west.All your Cars from the west would be loaded with Grain,Cotton, & etc,from the east loaded with Lumber,Sugar,Molasas,Rice,Coffee & etc.

I want you people to investigate this route close,if you will come up,I will take you in hand,and we will go over the entire route,and if I fail to show you the best proposition in Texas to day, I will sign a"lie bill"

Will write you fully next week,with kindest regards and best wishes,I beg to remain, Yrs & etc,

A. M. Miller

Fairfield Texas June 26th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell,V.P.
Dibell Texas,

My Dear Sir:

I have written Mr Blake Smith,of the Banking House of Prendergast Smith & Co, Mexia Texas,and who is the active member of their Railroad committe,to forward to you the Profile of the survey we had made by Mexia and this place,kindly advise me if you do not receive it promptly.

With reference to the extension of your Road,I beg to call your attention to the following,we are IO miles nearer Crockett than Teague Texas,and a better route by 50%,to come from Crockett to Teague you would have to make quite a circle to avoid Buffalo and Keechi(upper and lower)Creeks,and the Hills adjacent to these Creeks,I know the country as well as I know my own Town,but by coming just above Keechi Creek,crossing the I & GN at or near Keechi Station,you can get a I% grade without any trouble at all,and absolutely not a bridge nor Tressle to build,while Gov Campbell was Manager of the I & GN,he told me that he had his Engineer to make a Horse back survey of the route and that he reported that it would be no trouble at all to get a one per cent grade,and that he would have built the Road,had he and the Goulds not fallen out,for this occured just before they fell out.Now the fact of this place being IO miles nearer,and 50% better route,you can build your Road so much cheaper,and the extra IO miles would put the end of your Road,right at the crossing of the T & BV between here and Mexia, now from this crossing onto Waco,via Mexia,#### and Kirk,you would have very little grading to do,because it is all prairie,and level.

You can get all your cross ties,and other timber you might ########## need along the route,at a very low price,much lower than contractors price,for you would get them from first hands,you # will also have between here and Crockett,places for two or three Townsites,there is a good place for a Town between Keechi,and this place, and a good country to support it,and between here and Mexia,another townsite,with a fine country to support it,and I will say that in connection with our bonus and right of way,we will furnish you IOO acres of land at each place for your townsites,at Kirk,will be your best townsite,for that is the finest Cotton and Grain country in Texas,and the people are very anxious for a Railroad,they will give you a good bonus,at Waco you would connect with all of Texas,there being six Trunk Lines in the place,it also being a great wholesale,and distributing point,and the further fact that your line originating right in the heart of the great Pine Timber country,and being the short line,you would haul all the Lumber & etc for western,northwestern,and north Texas,and being the shortest route to Port Arthur and Sabine Pass,one of the future ports of Texas,you would haul the Cotton and Grain from the same territory,and from this country,your Road would supply the western country with fuel wood,and all parts of the country with the best Lignite in the South,so said by experts chemists who have examined it,we also have the largest body of standing hardwood timber in the U.S.so stated by St Louis and Arkansas people who are trying to buy it,and we have granite that takes on as pretty polish as you ever saw.

We have within a radius of IO miles of this town I 4 Steam Cotton Gins,last year these Gins cut I2000 bales of Cotton,this year they will cut I7000 to I8000 bales,for we have the finest Crop I ever saw in this county,we also raise a great many Cattle,Horses and Mules, we are the largest Hog growing county in the state,now all of this stock has to be driven to the railroad for shipment.If you build your Road this way,and will get here in time,we will guarantee you IO,000 bales of Cotton this season.If you adopt the route I have suggested you can get a bonus of at least $50,000,and right of way,depot grounds & etc,permit me to insist that you come and go with me over the route before you decide upon the route you will build,I know when you have seen this country from a business standpoint you will build this way, along this way you get a fine business from the start,and as I have stated before,Mr Yoakum stated in a speech at Ft Worth last year that this was the best open route in Texas,that it would pay right from the jump,with a Railroad we will control the trade of the entire county with exception of a little trade right around Teague,and numbers of the best citizens and Merchants of Teague have ##### stated openly that when Fairfield got a railroad they would move here at once,that it would be one of the best towns in Texas,because we have such a large territory,and being the county seat,situated right at the geographical center of the county,we have a population of I,000 people,have 22 business houses occupied by active merchants,to give you some idea

of the amount of business we are doing without a railroad,I keep all my railroad expense Bills on file,I have just footed them up,they show that I have received since the Ist day of Jaunaury 09 to June Ist,168,828 Lbs of freight from St Louis and other northern points, we paid on an average of $I per hundred pounds,and 20 cents per hundred to wagons for hauling from Depot,there are four other Merchants here that receive more freight than we do,besides a number of smaller merchants,of course we will ship more from Sept Ist on than we did the first part of the year,and then the Cotton,Cotton Seed,Syrup,Potatoes & etc come in for shipment.Our lands are settled by a properous people,and 2/3 of them own their farms,you can start out any of the public Roads from this place,you will travel them for miles and miles thru lanes,that shows that the country is well settled,and ff we had a road,with our cheap Lands and long terms,we would attract imigration from everywhere,and in less than five years we would have a population of 5,000 people,we have the country to sustain that many people,we would also have the finest fruit,truck & etc anywhere, there are thousands of things we can raise,if we had transportation.

The country between here and Mexia is thickly settled by good farmers and stock raisers,the town of Mexia has a population of 5000,the business portion is built up in brick,she has the finest water in Texas,and # fine ## water works,Compresses,Oil Mills,Ice Factories,Corn Crushers & etc,and are preparing to put in a Stove Factory,she has the H & T C, and the Cut Off,and T & BV.

Keechi,on the I & G.N. will be a good town,the Italian Representative at Washington has purchased 20,000 acres of land at Keechi,and will locate at once Italian Farmers on it,so you see that amounts to something. Had it not been for the I & GN and H & TC,we would have had a Road long ago,and to show you how much the H & TC thinks of our business,when the T & BV was building thru,the H & TC surveyed a route from Wortham,and were preparing to commence construction,when the I & GN called them on their agreement,so they had to abandon the project, the next year,they advised this place and Mexia that if we would have a route surveyed from Mexia to this place by an Engineer of their selection,secure a charter,or organize a company,then secure the charter, they would furnish the funds to construct the road,and upon completion we were to lease it to them,or if the I & GN kicked they would arrange for us to operate it untill the bonds(which we were to turn over to them for the construction) matured,at which time there were to foreclose and take possession of the Road,so just as we completed the survey the panic struck us,and we had to postpone matters,the H & TC advised us to just rest easy,that as soon as the money market eased up,they would arrange to start the work thru us,the next year Mr Fay advised me that thru some source the I & GN had information regarding our plans,and that he did not know what to do,as they could not forfeit their agreement with the I GN,as they had lived up to it,but that if we could get some one to build it without their name being used they would get control, that they must in some way get back this business.Previous to the building of the TBV the H & TC got all the business west and north and the IGN got all south and east.Of course it is human nature for a man to place his country in the best light possible,but I beg to say that i have not exagerated a single thing,I cant afford to,and if you will come and let me take you over the whole country,you will see that I have not done it justice,I want you to see,and when you have seen,you will know it absolutely.You are in the Railroad business for the money there is in it,and that is the reason I want you to come,I will take care of you while here,and will show you all the way thru,without one cent of expense to you.There is no question but what a line along the route I have suggested would prove to be the best in the country for the distance, and if you wish to continue construction beyond Waco,take the map and see the unoccupied territory,that territory is settleing very rapidly, you can continue to the Gulf at Eagle Pass or DelRio.I want to impress upon your mind that we are IO miles nearer Crockett than Teague or any other town of importance,and then by covering this territory you have a Road that will earn money from the start,and a territory that will continue to build and expand.The vast amount of Lignite,and Fuel Wood here would furnish tonnage for your road for years.The Tonnage Report that I herewith enclose was made for Mr Fay,after going over it,he and his Traffic Mgr,his Cheif Engineer,and his Superintendent,came here and we took Surries and Buggies and went over the territory,and he admitted that we did not overestimate an item,that he was satisfied with it,and

immediately upon his return,he made us the proposition,I have just mentioned in this letter,and further that he was satisfied that the town would grow very rapidly. Whoever builds a Road across this country will find an immediate sale for it,if he cares to sell,for one of the two Roads would be compelled to have it,to control this trade,and keep this place from ruining other points. Refering to the Lignite Coal,again,Mr R.N.Compton,a citizen of this place,developed the Lignite Mines near Jewett on the Central Cutt Off,he says the Lignite we have here is far superior in quality,and can be easier mined.

With Railroad,this body of Virgin Timber,mentioned in the forepart of this letter,would be worked up by Factories,for Wagon Timbers of all kinds,and we have an abundance of Lynn and Cotton-Wood timber for making Boxes,Crates & etc.We also have a very fine quality of pure white Fire Clay,we have made a few Fire Brick and tested them,and they stand the strongest tests.With reference to the Townsite between here and Keechi, Mr Burgher,a Banker of Dallas owns about 5,000 acres of land right about the townsite location,he told me that if we had a road he would cut this land in small lots and sell it to Truckers,I know he would spend thousands for he is a Boomer.Another thing I want to mention,if you have not made up your Company for handleing your Townsites,how would you like to have a few from this place and Mexia with you,it was Fairfield people that put Teague on the boom.We would like very much to have a block of stock in the Townsite Company,for a Road up thru this country,As I stated at first,we will donate the Townsite between here and Keechi,and between here and Mexia, knowing the country as well as I do,I would not hesitate. to invest

By adopting this route you would have five good townsites, and they are sites that would amount to something,and if you care to let us in your Company,we can secure a lot of very desirable property here,and at Mexia,and at Keechi,and then we could take on a lot Farm property,you have no idea how this country will boom with a road thru,now this property,I can get it,at a very low price,the idea would be to secure the property,before you ever put a surveyor in the field,we can make a hundred thousnad dollars in this county alone. I can get this Mr Burgher to join the townsite Company,he is worth all kinds of money,and is not afraid to turn it loose.

Now Mr Mitchell,I dont know what else to say that would be of interest,but if I have left anything undaid or undone,call my attention to it.I want to insist upon you coming up,and let me take you in my Buggy,and look the route over from Keechi to Waco,if you wish.I know when you have examined the route close,you will say like Mr Yoakum,that it is the best. another thing,I beleive I can get the Farmers,and those living along the route to subscribe Oak Ties,I mean those living in the timber country.

Just as soon as Mr Blake Smith returns,I will have him mail you the profile of the route between this place and Mexia,we also have the profile between this place and Wortham,which is the same distance as Mexia.

While I shall insist that you come up,because when you have seen what we have,there can be no further question about it,and you can then better appreciate the Tonnage report we have,but if you cannot come,we shall be glad to send a committe to talk the matter over with you.

Now bear in mind that we are IO MILES NEARER,and 50 times the best route,a bigger bonus,more twonsites,and more everything,we have the finest and purest Freestone Water,and in an unexhaustable supply.

After digesting this letter,please let us know when to expect you,permit me to suggest that you come thru country to Keechi,and I will meet you there,and we will go over the route.

With kindest regards and best wishes,to yourself,and Mr Temple,I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

W H Miller

ESTIMATE OF BUSINESS ORIGINATING AT?AND DESTINED FOR FAIRFIELD TEXAS.

.....IN BOUND.....

Number of Cars, & Commodity.		Estimated Weight,	Frt Per Car,	Total FRT.
I50-	Cars Brick,	50,000,	$I2,50,	$I,875,00
I5-	" Lime & Cement,	24,000,	I4,40,	2I6,00
I0-	" Wagons, Buggies & etc,	I6,000,	I6,00,	I60,00
I0-	" Syr Barrels & Kegs,	I8,000,	9,00,	90,00
200-	" Lumber, All Kinds,	30,000,	I8,00,	3,600?00
20-	" Shingles,	24,000,	I4,40,	288,00
5-	" Doors, Blinds, & Sash,	24,000,	I4,40,	72,00
40-	" Flour & Meal	24,000,	II,20,	448,00
I0-	" Bran & Chops,	24,000,	I5,60,	I56,00
I5-	" Cotton Seed Meal & Hulls	24,000,	I6,80,	252,00
I0-	" Packing House Products,	20,000,	28,00,	280,00
3-	" Coffee,	24,000,	2I,60,	64,80
7-	" Sugar,	24,000,	2I,60,	$I5I,20
I0-	" Barb Wire, Nails Staples,	20,000,	I8,00,	I80,00
I0-	" Agricult, Implements,	20,000,	20,00,	200,00
5-	" Furniture, Coffins & etc,	I2,800,	I2,80,	64,00
5-	" Cook & Heating Stoves, and Hollow Ware,	20,000,	I8,00,	90,00
20-	" Fertilizer,	24,000,	9,00,	I80,00
I00-	" Local Merchantdise,		50,00,	5000,00
			Total Frt In Bound,	$I3,3I7,00,

OUT BOUND

200-	" Cotton, (I0,000 Bales)	28,000,	42,00,	8,400,00
250-	" "Seed, (5,000 Tons)	40,000,	28,00,	7,000,00
I50-	" Cattle,	22,000,	I6,50,	2,475,00
I00-	" Hogs,	I6,000,	I2,00,	I,200,00
I0-	" Horses & Mules,	22,000,	24,20,	242,00
200-	" Hardwood Logs & Lumber,	24,000,	8,40,	I,680,00
300-	" Fuel Wood,	24,000,	II,20,	3,360,00
I00-	" Fence Post,	24,000,	II,20,	I,I20,00
5-	" Ribbon Cane Syrup,	24,000,	2I,60,	I08,00
5-	" Poultry,	I8,000,	27,00,	I35,00
50-	" Irish & Sweet Potatoes,	24,000,	I4,40/	720,00
I0-	" Pea-Nuts,	24,000,	I4,40,	I44,00
I00-	" Building Sand, for the wes	40,000,	7,00,	700,00
25-	" Local Mdse,		50,00,	I,250,00
				$ 28,534,00
			Passebger, Mail and Express,	I0,000,00
			Grand Total Earnings,	$ 5I,90I,00

We have 6 little towns, from one to three stores that would receive all their freight from here, also ship from this place, $ 5,000,00
Lignite Mines would be opened at once, which would furnish at least I0 Cars per day for all parts of the state, which would average about I5 dollars per Car, for 30 days, would be, $4,500, per mothh, or for the I2 months, $54,000,00
A number of items of freight, I dont mention, we might call irregular, such as Machinery and other items that are not shipped at regular intervals. The above estimate is based on a 20 mile Haul, the weight and price is taken from sheets fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

M. H. Miller

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June 29th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell,V.P.
Diboll Texas,

My Dear Sir:

One thing I failed to mention in my letter this AM.with reference to your townsite company,will say that while we would like very much to join you,yet we do not want to push ourselves on you,it maybe that you have already organized the company,still I would like to have stock in the townsite between Keechi Station and this place,also between here and Mexia,if no other.I would rather have stock in the two sites just mentioned than all the rest.And enough lots and suburb property right here can be secured that will pay as much as a n ordinary town site elsewhere.

I can arrange for the townsite company to control the Lignite Mines here by lease,you have no idea of the vast amount of Lignite that the Central Cut OFF is hauling out,and the Gentleman that developed these mines lives here,and he says that the mines here are much finer and the quality of the Lignite is superior,I knew our Lignite was very fine,for we have had the very best Chemists to examine it.The Mines on the Cutt Off,employ from 250 to 300 hands,regular.

Had you thought about it?you can build via of Fairfield to Teague in the same distance that you can straight to Teague,you will only like two miles of doing it,to come direct from Crockett along the upper keechi Creek,it is only 44 miles to this place,and to go from Crockett,across the Keechi,and Buffalo Creeks and Bottoms it is 54 miles,and an awful hard and expensive Road to build,or you can come via this place,and intersect the T & B.V.at Sims switch,just 3 miles north of Teague,this line would be only about 56 miles long,and as stated in my letter this A.M.you can get every cross Tie along the route,and very,very,cheap.I have a state Map,that was authorized by the Railroad Commission,the most of Maps show this place to be on an air line about 9 miles from Teague,as a matter of fact it is I2 miles by actual survey made by the T & B.V.It seems to me that you could locate a good town at Nineveh in Leon Co,and at Lanely in this county,by locating at Lanely,you would get all the trade at Dew,and still control all the trade east of lanely toward Oakwood,but you could not do it by locating at Dew,there is a big trade east of Lanely,and up the Butler country,that would come to Lanely,that is one of the places we would like to have stock in townsite,I know what that country will do,with a Road,or you can come just above Lanely,and secure a more level country,and still control the same business,there is a world of heavy Oak timber in that country that will be valuable.I want you to be certain and come over the line,and let me show you,before you decide upon a permanent line.

Yours &c W H Miller (over)

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If you decide to come via of this place I will guarantee that you will Haul more Freight & Passengers in & out of this place. than any Town on your Road. in 5 yrs after Road is completed, We will ship 25,000 Bales Cotton. I Know you would not object to having a good Town on your line Especially when you can reach it in the same distance & for less Money & absolutely without a Bridge in Muscle. Now dont forget, our people want a chance of securing your Road. you will give us that opportunity, Will you?

Yours &c
Miller

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Mr. J. E. Mitchell, V-P

Diboll, Texas

Dear Sir :

I have heard that you people contemplate running a line of railroad through this section of Texas and if my information is correct would be glad to have you investigate the line through Fairfield, Mexia, Krik Waco etc. We believe this the best opportunity in Texas for a line of railroad, as the country is very rich and thickly settled. Quite a nice bonus could be raised along the route besides land for town-site pruposes could easily be secured. Wecwould like to co-operate with you all we could on the proposition and shall be glad to hear from you. We now have a survey from Mexia to Fairfield which we had made just prior to the panic. It might be possible that you could use this survey. Let us hear from you if you are interested in the route as we have suggested.

Yours very truly,

Blake Smith
Secretary.

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Fairfield, Texas, July 8th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell,V.P.

Dibell Texas,

My Dear Sir:

I have your letter dated July 3rd. Glad to know that you are interested in the route I suggested,the fact is, it is the most practical route east and west,with my associates,I have had occasion to investigate it,I feel like I know something about it.Permit me to suggest that when your Mr Temple has returned,and you have gone over my letters with him,both of you come over the route,I will meet you at Keechi Station, and come over the route to this place,thence to Mexia,Fresa,Kirk to Waco.

The Citizens of this place,Mexia,Fresa,Kirk,and Waco,had planed to organize a Company,and build the road from Waco,east to some point on the I & G.N.We have the assurance from Citizens along this route that we could raise the necessary amount to put everything in operation,in fact we had got in communication with eastern people,and they assured us that if the route,and general surroundings showed up alright,they would furnish us the money,we had no doubts but what the proposition would show up alright, for we had a man that knew his business.About that time we saw that you were building into Crockett,and decided to take the matter up with you,as there was no use in two Companies trying to build thru the same territory, so now if you beleive this route would suit you,we will be glad to refer you to the Bankers in New York that have proposed to finance our proposition,unless you have made your financial arrangements,so as suggested above when you and Mr Temple go over my letters,let me know what you think of the route we have suggested,if you look upon it favorably,then we will ask our New York people,or advise them that you will undertake the construction of the Road we had proposed.I assure you that you will have the support and hearty co-operation of all the people along this route,besides Bonus and other considerations.Dont fail to let us know about the Townsite matter,if you will remember,I aksed if you had made up your townsite company,if not we would be glad to have some interest,especially in this county.

Please advise your Mr Temple of this letter,as I wrote him quite awhile back,making the same statement that I have in this letter,regarding the financing of the proposition,but I have lost his address,also let me hear from you,

Yours &c. W.H. Miller

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Fairfield, Texas, July 12th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell V.P.

Dibell Texas,

My Dear Sir:

A letter from Mr W.E.Richards,President of The American Nat, Bank,Houston Texas,to one of our Citizens,stating that a number of the leading Lumber Men of that City,were preparing to form a Company,and secure a Charter,for the construction of a Railroad from some point near Beaumont,up the Trinity River crossing the I & G.N.at Oakwood,thence to this place on to Dallas,or Fort Worth,now what there is in this proposition,I dont know,I give it to you as a matter of information for what it is worth.I had a talk with Mr Cunningham of the I & G.N.who was here looking after his Taxes,he told me that he had instructions just before his Road went into hands of Receiver,to buy the Right Of Way from Madasonville thru here,but of course now they could not do anything,he says the same thing that Yoakum does that it would be one of the best propositions in the state.I forgot to mention to you in former letter,we can get our Commissioners Court to releive you of the County's Taxes on your Road that will be quite an item itself.

Just as soon as your Mr Temple returns,have a talk about this matter,and if you want to get in touch with the New York Financiers regarding your Road,I will advise them,or give you their address,and it might be a good idea,if you decide to adopt our route to have Mr Temple see these people while he is in New York.Let me know what you think about my suggestion,

Yours truly,

A. H. Miller

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Waco, Texas, July 14, 1909.

Mr. J. E. Mitchell,

Diboll, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have been advised that you are interested in the construction of a railroad from Kennard to Crockett, Texas, and that you propose to extend this line West. If it is perfectly consistent, I wish that you would give me some general information regarding your proposed route as I assume that you desire to have your western terminus at a good point for a Railroad connection and I would like to have the opportunity of putting before you some of the many reasons why Waco occupies the best position in this respect, of any city in the State.

Yours truly,

H. E. Hershey

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Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas,

July I7th,09,

Mr J.E.Mitchell,V.P.
Dibell Texas,

My Dear Sir:

Some several days ago,I had a letter from Mr Temple,in reply to a letter I wrote him,before getting in communication with you,this letter had reference to some Bankers in New York,Mr Temple failed to give me his City address,hence I did not know where to reach him,I think I wrote you regarding the matter,but for fear that I did not,I will mention the matter again,and have you mention the matter,and the reason why I failed to write him,I dont want him to think that I ignored him or his letter.Before we ascertained that you proposed building a Road thru this county,this place,Mexia,Fresa,Kirk and Waco,agreed to organize a Company,and build from Waco via the places mentioned to Trinity Texas,on the I & G.N.We got in communication with Bankers in New York City,that agreed to finance the propositien,since learing of your propositien,we decided to see if we could not interest you in building your Road via this place,Mexia,Fresa,Kirk and Waco,so now if you decide to adopt this route,and the Bankers who proposed to finance our Road,could be of any service to you,we would be glad to advise them,that you would build the Road we had in view,and ask them to communicate with you,with the view of assisting you.Now that was the information I wanted Mr Temple to have,and had he given me his City address,I would have advised him at once so in your next letter to him,kindly explain the situation and mention the matter to him,for which I will be very much obliged to you.

In your last letter to me,you indicated that you were very much pleased with the data I gave you,and the route,and stated that as soon as Mr Temple returned to Dibell,you would take the matter up with him,and let us know.Now if agreeable with you,I will suggest,that when all of you can get together,let me know and I will meet you at any place,most convenient,you understand I can give you more information personally than I could in 20 letters and it would be more satisfactory,I will also bring with Mr Compton,a man who is familiar with all the Lands & etc in this county,and also places suitable for Townsites.

Mr Compton has just returned from Houston, where he met several parties who wanted to invest in lands and by the way,he closed two good deals,possibly you are not aware of the fact,that we have the largest body of virgin hardwood timber in the U.S.There will be a party of Capitalists from Chigago here in few days to go over this body of hardwood timber,with the view of making a purchase Shall be glad to hear from you,at your earliest convenience,with regards,I am,

Yours truly,

W. H. Miller

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