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Gen. J. S. Casement,

Painesville, O., U.S.A.

My dear General:-

You will no doubt be pleased to know that we have arranged to pay Mr. Willier off without drawing on New York. We have also paid up the balance of the Willier & Dajan account, which wipes both of these reserve accounts off of our books. Dan and I went out over the line last week, and got the Willier camp started in good shape. I do not think that we will have any difficulty with it, as Mr. Gregg will be there until Mr. Genung's return, and we have also kept all of Mr. Willier's foremen, who are familiar with the work. We expect to move the Jacoby camp on to Mile 34 within the next two weeks, and expect to make a good showing. All of our boys are working enthusiastically, and are doing all they can to push the work along.

The Government Commission was out on the work the same time that we were there, and I understand they were very much surprised at the amount of work done, and will report the work west of the Rio Grande as all being done in a first class manner. Of course, this commission was simply for the private information of the Minister of Foment; hence, their report will probably not be published. I understand they are also in favor of following our method of ballasting, i.e., not covering the ties.

We have been able this week to discount some \$12,000.00 of Government notes with the Bank, and \$18,000.00 with Bennett. This leaves us at present a balance in the bank here of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00.

We have received some of the bridge iron, and commenced the erection of the bridge last Monday. Schutt expects to have it finished by the middle of December.

We are constructing masonry at the present time on Sections 21, 23, 25, and 35, and