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AUGUSTUS J. COOKE,

MANAGER.

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Herbert E. Morris -
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Will make explanation
tomorrow paper station
that matter of lease
North Carolina Railroad
was not considered and
acted upon by ~~the~~ Board
Internal Improvements -
no persuasion was used
to make members endorse.
Can I use your name,
Answer. Ellis Carr

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Mr. Jefferson Davis

In your issue of the 14th inst. you make certain statements in regard to the action of the Board of Internal Improvements which are misleading and certain charges that I tried to ~~force~~ ^{persuade} the Board to raise the lease of the North Carolina Railroad Company to the Southern Railway Company.

1st The Board of Internal Improvements was called together to make a report of the inspection of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, and at that meeting there was submitted to them the terms of the lease of the

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Atlantic & North Carolina R.R.
Co. which was pending and
an injunction ^{Case regarding the lease} was taken
before the following Tuesday
before Judge Robinson.

In connection with this
lease I asked the Board
to consider the North Carolina
lease as the terms in most
respects were the same
and give me their opinion
as to whether or not the
duties of this Board
pertained to the approval
of the terms of this lease.
The Board took the matter
under consideration and on
the next day reported
that they did not think

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The Board of Internal
Improvements had any
authority in the premises.
The Board then approved
and ratified the appointment
of the Board of Directors
of the North Carolina
R.R. Co., and the matter
of the lease was not
mentioned again.

Your statement that I used
"every argument and persuasion
to secure the ratification
of the lease" is not true.
and that I tried to force
the ratification of what
was a doubtful act
by these honorable gentlemen
is not true.

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The following is the official
action of the Board of
Internal Improvement
and at no time was
any other official taken.
and no other action
was taken.