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Newbern N.C.,  
April 23, 1895.

His Excellency  
Gov. Carr,

Raleigh, N.C.,  
My dear Sir:

I have to say, I called in, at Raleigh, on  
my way home, from Washington, D.C.  
There I found our Rail Road bridge  
matter had about come to a head -  
Suit had been ordered for delay in  
the commencement of the work. How-  
ever, on investigation I learned, that  
there was more form & there would be no  
further more in it if within a reasonable  
time some steps were taken to avoid  
the alteration & change of location of  
draw as per plan of Dupon cars -  
I urged it would be entirely unnecessary  
& useless expenditure of money & without  
benefit to any one - I had my own things  
had to be done, & upon the direct refusal  
what we did propose to do, I submitted  
\* the substitute shown you for the original

plan. Thus meeting all the requirements  
 of the engineers, except as to location -  
 after examination of our plan by  
 Messrs Adams, to whom the matter was, as  
 really, referred, he suggested to me to  
 withdraw it, & return to Newbern, &  
 have it backed by such evidence as  
 we could get, & to return all to him within  
 in a reasonable time, & I am engaged  
 at it at this time. If I had met you  
 as expected, I would have gone more fully  
 into the matter, but I have here, made  
 the situation sufficiently clear for you to  
 understand it as it now exists. - Do I am  
 up of some kind of work <sup>you do draw</sup> were <sup>announced</sup>  
 there would be no difficulty in getting rea-  
 sonable extension of time for completion.  
 In fact that was promised me. I state  
 we had been acting under the belief, that,  
 as no complaint had been made, with re-  
 spect to obstructing the River, & went for  
 two years by the present draw, the time  
 of completion would be so on continued,  
 & Senator Person had so informed me.

Which information was from  
 the President of the Company,  
 Mr W. S. Woodcock & which will  
 explain his apparently indifference  
 as to the original orders from the  
 War Dept -

I delivered in person, your letter  
 & Mr. Wilson, to the Secretary of War,  
 & by him, they were referred to the  
 Engineer Dept - ~~Mr~~ Mr. Sedgwick, at the  
 time, acting as Chief, Chief Engineer  
 Casey being ill, at home, though he was  
 in his office the next day -

There will be no litigation in valuing  
 expense. Concerning the draw, I am  
 satisfied, & if one cannot get what is  
 desired, <sup>after</sup> exhaustive trial, then Mr. Wood-  
 cock is prepared for what may conse-  
 quently do -

Very Respectfully  
 Your Obedt Servt  
 John D. Whifford