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JJH to this man.

Explains that the empty, rocky, marshy country of the Duluth, Rainy Lake River & Southwestern Railroad Co. is impossible economically: Red Lake Indian Reservation is not yet open; timber is found only on that reservation. Re-laying of rails on our lines now almost finished & the maximum grade between St. Paul and the Rocky Mts. is only 30 feet to the mile. Our first steamer, "Northern Light," (others: Northern Belle, North Wind, & Northern King) is making 4th trip & 2nd steamer ready by Sept. Montana Central is laid into [redacted] [redacted]. Long tunnel will not be completed until Sept. Coal mines are

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being opened with machinery and showing excellent quality of coal.

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