

Gibson, Paris

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Paris Gibson to James J. Hill.

The portion of Montana which includes the Judith Basin and all the country adjacent to the Belt and Main ranges of mountains "is the most important part of Montana, both as regards stock & mineral resources. Your road terminating at Buford would undoubtedly command the Milk River Country as far west as the Little Rockies, and no farther; but should you push straight ~~into~~ this country, y' would have the

advantage over the U^t h & Northern or the
Northern Pacific."

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