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Hill to Hughitt

"I have no question as to the control of the Northern Pacific, and the Burlington 'deal' may be considered closed. Now it only remains for us to shape our affairs so as to secure reasonable and peaceful conditions with our neighbors. If it can be arranged so that your own control would become permanent in "St. Paul" [Milwaukee Road] I feel sure that the situation would soon adjust itself on lines which would be for the best interests [of] all concerned." "It rather looks to me as if the future would bring about three groups, a 'Northwest', 'Middle', and 'Southwest'. The North western with a control of "St. Paul" [Milwaukee] should dominate the

middle and it doubtless could be brought about as the present Union Pacific crowd are buyers and sellers rather than investors. It has occurred to me that you may be called to New York ... I have often thought that a strong steady hand like your own would do much for the Vanderbilt lines by bringing them all together and create a closer spirit of harmonious cooperation. In any event, wherever you are, always bear in mind that, whatever interests I may control, will be with you and not against you."

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