

Railroads -Construction

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To E. T. Nichols.

Manitoba line laid to Great Falls and necessary buildings are soon to be completed. Montana Central is graded with stringers and tie complete, and we are laying track at rate of 3 to 4 miles per day to Helena. Terminals, which are ample at Helena and Butte are secured, and paid for at fully \$400,000 less than they could be had for at this time. The grading on Sand Coulee line is nearly finished and work on at least two tunnels is being pushed day and night. 210 miles in all, for \$5,000,000, or less than \$25,000 per mile for a thoroughly well built railroad running through three ranges of the Rocky (over)

Mountains, owning very valuable terminal~~s~~
and about 2000 acres. the most valuable
coal lands so far discovered in Montana.

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