

Wright & Davis

February 19, 1898

John Sterling to J.J.Hill.

Encloses copy of a letter Sterling has just received from Robert Chamberlaine, dated February 18, 1898 stating: "I am not afraid of Messrs. Wright & Davis selling their ore property to Mr. Rockefeller, unless Mr. Rockefeller will buy 35 miles of useless road to him (D. Miss River & U)" [did he mean Duluth, Mississippi River & Northern?] "and useless to anyone without our connection"

Discusses assets and earnings of the D & W. [Duluth & Winnipeg, also of the D.S. & W.

[Duluth, Superior and Western] and states,
"If Mr. Hill cannot or will not finance a
road which earns \$150,000 net in one year,
with only \$60,000 fixed charges, I have no
doubt Judge Nelson will appoint someone to
take charge of the property who can and will.

General correspondence by date