

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

ST. PAUL ROAD WINS.

Gains a Point in Its Controversy with South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The United States Supreme Court to-day decided the case of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company against the Railroad Commissioners of the State of South Dakota. The case involved the State law providing a maximum rate for the railroads. The Circuit Court of the United States for the District of South Dakota dismissed the bill, but to-day's opinion reverses this judgment and remands the case, with instructions, to the lower court to investigate the earnings of the road in the State so as to arrive at the equities in the case.

The opinion, written by Justice Brewer, criticised the court below for its summary disposition of the case without a proper investigation of the facts such as the case demanded. The Justice said that the evidence before the court showed that the local operating expenses were much greater than the general operating expenses of the entire system and that they amounted to or exceeded 85 per cent. He also stated that if the local operating expenses were 85 per cent. it was obvious that under the schedule prescribed by the Commissioners there would be nothing left by way of profit or reward to the stockholders.

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