

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—President Cable of the Rock Island Road will go to Omaha to-morrow to take a personal survey of the situation as affected by the refusal of the Union Pacific to abide by the contract allowing his company to run trains into Omaha. Both he and President Miller of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul are reticent as to their future course in connection with the Union Pacific matter, although it is known that they have had several conferences during the last week, in which their legal counsel participated. Other officers of the two roads have been found to be more communicative, however, and it is inferred from their utterances that a difference of opinion exists as to the probable outcome of the contest.

The Rock Island people seem to take the view that Jay Gould will gain his point on the plea that the contract was made without consulting the Government Directors of the Union Pacific. On the other hand, the officers of the St. Paul express confidence in the ability of their company to establish the validity of the contract, and according to Judge Dundy's decision they say that this is the only thing necessary to secure a complete victory over the Union Pacific management. Disinterested parties only see in this imbroglio the gradual development of one of Gould's deep-laid plots by which he intends to acquire complete control of the Western railroad situation and secure for the roads in which he is directly interested the lion's share of the business.

It is even hinted that traffic controlled by the Union Pacific is to be diverted from the Chicago and Northwestern to the Missouri Pacific regardless of the ten years' traffic contract with the Northwestern, but this story has few believers here, and the officers of the latter road profess to regard such rumors as the merest rubbish.

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