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September 7, 1914.

MR. L. W. HILL, President,
Great Northern Railway Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you herewith a clipping from Seattle P.I., August 23, in the matter of articles of incorporation which have been filed by the Milwaukee & Saint Paul under the name of the Great Falls Western Railway Company for possible connection between their Blackfoot line and Great Falls; also attach blue print upon which our Engineering Department have sketched lines.

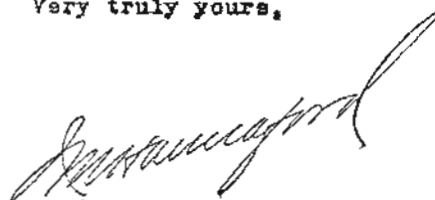
You may be fully advised in regard to this -- I send it over simply that you may have the information, and would ask that after you have looked at it, you return same to me.

I see no particular reason for the Milwaukee & Saint Paul wanting this line. There is no local business, of course, between Missoula territory and Great Falls territory to warrant the building of a road; they cannot use it

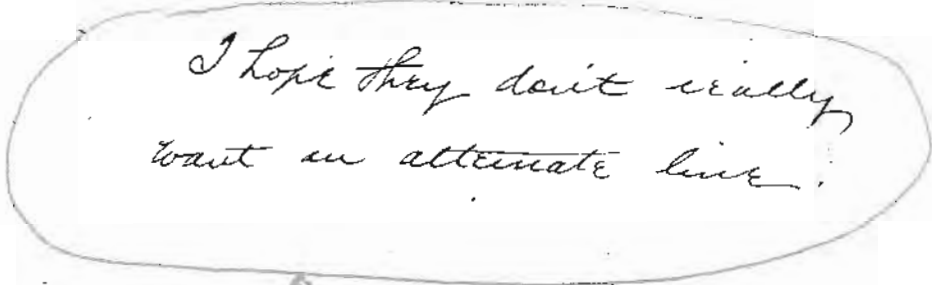
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in connection with Butte-Great Falls business. It would seem to be largely a case of Pacific Coast territory. What do you know about the local country between Ovando and Great Falls?

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the sender of the letter.

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A handwritten note enclosed in a hand-drawn oval bubble. The text inside reads: "I hope they don't really want an alternate line."

LW Hills reply