

December 14, 1916.

Messrs. Morgan & Nuckols, Attys.,
Hazard, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

Replying to yours of the 11th instant, in reference to suit in Letcher Circuit Court of Jane and Hiram Williams v. L&E Ry. Co., etc.

By way of preface, let me explain how I will be situated during the month of January, 1917.

The Breathitt Circuit Court begins its regular six weeks' term on New Year's Day, the first Monday in January. I have a big docket of cases, both for the L&N and for the K. U. Co., which will be for trial at this term and which it is of the highest importance that I attend to in person. The docket in the Breathitt Circuit Court is much more congested than it is either in the Perry Circuit Court or in the Letcher Circuit Court or, for that matter, than it is in any other circuit court before which I am called upon to practice. I believe by concentrating my attention on the Breathitt Circuit Court during the approaching six weeks' term, it may be possible very much to reduce the volume of Company business in that court and, with this done, it should be possible for me, thereafter, to devote more attention to the pending business of the K. U. Co. and the L&N in Perry and Letcher. I make this full explanation in order that you may the better understand why it is that I will be able to give little or no attention to work in the Perry and Letcher Circuit Courts during the terms to be held in those courts during January.

The next regular term of the Letcher Circuit Court, according to the Calendar, begins on the second Monday in January, i.e.