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Lexington, Ky., November 17th, 1914

Mr. J. J. Donohue,
Chief Law Agent, Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

G. M. Derrickson Vs L & N R R Co.

Herewith I enclose to you the following statements in connection with the above case:

A. L. Collins, Agent,
James Stone, outsider standing on depot platform.
Donald Bohannon, standing on platform of depot.
D. Bean, Conductor,
D. Murphy, Brakeman,
C. T. Long, Engineer,
H. Wallace, Fireman,
A. L. Welz, Fireman.

Derrickson is a Deputy Sheriff at Stanton. His son is the Sheriff at that point. The old man and the son went to Natural Bridge on train No. 1 Sunday August 16th to act as peace officers at the Bridge during the day. They were employed by the railroad company to go there and were furnished transportation Stanton to Natural Bridge and return. They were returning from Natural Bridge on Cincinnati Excursion train. It seems to have been the intention of our people to get them off of the train with as little delay as possible and according to Engineer Long the engineers were told before leaving Natural Bridge to slow down going through Stanton to let these men off. According to Master of Trains Kesheimer they were told to make a short stop to let these men off. Anyway the train was brought to a very slow speed, a woman and one or two others got off and a highball signal was given and the train proceeded without stopping. After the train commenced to increase its speed and the car in which G. M. Derrickson was riding passed the depot he jumped off. The train was then running possibly 6 miles per hour. He fell to the ground and skinned his arm and shoulder. According to the statements secured there was no jerk or jar of the train that threw the old man off but he got off while the train was running and fell. I was at Stanton Monday and saw Mr. Derrickson in the Court house at one time but he was then very busy and before I got hold of him he went out of town to summons some people and I did not get to talk to him. He has talked to Mr. Hardesty, stock claim Agent, and as I understand it he bases his claim on the failure of the train to stop necessitating his jumping off. He was only slightly hurt.

Our Attorney Mr. Atkinson said that we would probably not have to try the case at this time and not having reports of any kind from the train crew I did not take the matter up with the attorneys on the other side looking toward a settlement. It is undoubtedly a case for settlement. If we are going to unload people "on the fly" we must undoubtedly suffer the consequences. I talked to Mr. Kesheimer about this case and he said that the train came to a stop before proceed signal was given but he must be mistaken in that as there is only one other man that says that it did come to a stop. Our Agent who was standing on the platform says that it did not.