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Dear Mr. Cole:-

I was at Summit last night and met with the City Council. The feeling among the Councilmen is very intense, and the whole City seems watching them. The Mayor was not present, but all the other members were. Before meeting the officials, I had an opportunity to talk with one of the Councilmen outside. It was Mr. Votey who is the President of the Votey Organ Company and of the Aeolian Manufacturing Company at Garwood in this County. He was interested in a matter which comes before the Grand Jury, and by that means I secured his friendly co-operation. The members of the Council were inclined at first to be hostile, but I made them a very frank statement and explained the whole situation, and the result of the long interview is as follows:

1st. The Council are pleased to have the bridge over Ashwood Avenue cover the entire width (50 feet) of the street, which includes the sidewalk.

2nd. They will allow the present bridge over Russell Place to remain, provided that within a year, the railroad will change the piers so as to conform with the law. These two arrangements, viz., for the Ashwood Avenue and the Russell Place bridges to be put in writing and taken up by friendly decree in the Court of Chancery, with the stipulation that the decree shall in no wise be used against the railroad if the arrangement relative to the two bridges is carried out. The necessary proceedings to affect this arrangement will take a few days.