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When the Railway was first constructed, a single track was laid on the South side of North Avenue from Tenth Street to Division Street; subsequently this track was extended on the South side of North Avenue to Madison Avenue, and still later from Madison Avenue to Park Avenue. At the time this track was constructed by the North Avenue Railway Company, the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company was maintaining a double track in the centre of North Avenue from Cumberland Street eastwardly to McCulloh street, and the Baltimore Union Passenger Railway Company was maintaining a double track in the centre of North Avenue from Madison Avenue to John Street. In 1892 the North Avenue Railway Company constructed a second track, which was placed in the bed of North Avenue, north of the tracks constructed by the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company and the Baltimore Union Passenger Railway Company. The effect of this construction was that between John Street and Madison Avenue there were four tracks, to wit: the Baltimore Union Passenger Railway Company's tracks in the centre of the street and the North Avenue Railway Company's tracks on each side thereof. From Madison Avenue to McCulloh Street there were only two tracks, to wit: tracks owned by the North Avenue Railway Company. From McCulloh Street to Cumberland Street there were four tracks, to wit: the tracks in the centre of the street owned by the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company, and the tracks of the North Avenue Railway Company on each side thereof. This condition continued until about the year 1893, when, under an agreement between the Baltimore Union Passenger Railway Company and the North Avenue Railway Company, the latter Company was permitted to use the tracks of the former Company on North Avenue between John Street and Madison Avenue. The Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company did not permit the North Avenue Railway Company or its successors, by consolidation, to use its tracks until after the consolidation between the Baltimore Consolidated Railway Company, which at that time owned the franchises of the North Avenue Railway Company, and the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company in 1899, when the United Railways and Electric Company was formed.

I have a very clear recollection of the construction of the tracks of the North Avenue Railway Company on North Avenue, because I was at that time the General Manager of the Company and had charge of both the construction of the tracks and the operations of the cars thereon, and