

Answer. Well—that is a question I cannot answer; I naturally went right into it; I considered myself so identified with it from the first.

Question. You just squatted in it without any body's assistance.

Answer. I do not know that I had any assistance.

Question. Do you say you became general superintendent of this entire road by a natural course of events.

Answer. There has been no regular organization, of course, of the company, and cannot be until the charter is procured; it is now working under an association of those gentlemen who furnish the capital, and I was, I suppose, by general consent, selected to take charge of these matters.

Question. Who told you, you had been selected by general consent?

Answer. Well, I do not know that any one told me.

Question. Is not it a very important station?

Answer. It is.

Question. What is your salary?

Answer. That has never been fixed.

Question. Have you ever received anything for it?

Answer. I have received, I think, \$125 since my connection with it.

Question. Who paid that?

Answer. I took it out of the receipts; I received it from the book-keeper, of course, at the office.

Question. To whom do you return the receipts?

Answer. I bank the receipts every day, reserving a balance to pay off the hands at the end of the week.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. Do you say you do not hold your office under an appointment of the association under which that road is at present worked?

Answer. I have no positive appointment except by general consent.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Who are the parties interested?

Answer. Brock & Co. and my associates, the grantees.

Question. Are they interested now?

Answer. They have the same interest now that they had from the first; they feel an interest in the success of the enterprise.

Question. Have they any other interest than in regard to its success?

Answer. Not that I know of.

Question. Is their interest in the success such as to justify them in putting you as superintendent?

Answer. They did not put me in.

Question. Who did?

Answer. No body, sir. You understand my position, Mr. *Hambleton*.

Question. That is what I want to get at?

Answer. You know how this thing was begun.

*Counsel*. No, I do not.

*Witness*. I should judge you did from the questions you put.