

The president canvasses the chances of success if litigation arises, and thinks that the defendants would lose in the fight.

These new papers were submitted to the division; and on the 19th September, 1911, they resolved that they thought they were fully qualified to settle the case (i. e., decide on it). This result is communicated to the president by letter of September 22nd, and he is told that Brother Duffy was in conversation with Brother Davis nearly every morning, he was coming in on number 14, and Brother Davis was going out on number 9, and Davis complained of not feeling well, but said nothing about being hurt. The secretary adds: "Of course, in the first place it was stated that he hurt himself reversing the engine, and nothing about the back."

On the 29th of September, 1911, the president advises the solicitors that he is surprised that the division refuses to do anything, and he will go to the next meeting. Then on the 10th of October, 1911, he writes to the solicitors that he had met with division 132, that a vote on the claim was taken, and by a large majority it was decided to fight it.

On November 1st, 1911, Cowles asks for instructions from the president as to a letter sent to the chief engineer of division 132 by the plaintiff's solicitors, as to action taken on the claim. He says: "I was talking with Dr. Curtis, and I asked him if a person could hurt their back and several days after cause a hemorrhage, and he said he did not think it was possible, and he stated that if a person hurt themselves to cause a hemorrhage it would happen right away after."

On the 15th of November the solicitor writes the president that it is said the members have changed their views; and in consequence another special meeting is convened, and the result is given to the solicitors by the president on December 18th, 1911, and the position was affirmed that in their judgment there was no claim.

On the 11th November, 1912, the writ issued.

I am satisfied that the brotherhood took the utmost pains to get at the facts of the case, and honestly reached the conclusion that no valid claim on account of death by accident was made out. After perusal of all the papers, and with the further light cast upon the claim and the proceed-