to the amazement of Dunton, gave it as his opinion that neurologic examination of engineers was unnecessary because: (1) the men would not submit to such an examination; (2) rejection of a candidate for some neurologic symptom would bring forth a protest which it would be difficult to answer satisfactorily; (3) following a candidate's rejection the union to which he belonged would make a strong protest. This last objection seemed to be the most important to all railroad surgeons.

Dunton discusses the methods of examination of railroad men now in vogue and expresses himself as dissatisfied with them. He cites cases illustrating the dangers of accident due to defective eyesight of the engineer or incipient paresis. He concludes his paper as follows: "If a physician has as a patient a person unfit to hold a responsible position and a menace to public safety he should endeavor to have the patient voluntarily give up such a position. or if circumstances are such that there is no immediate danger the patient may continue in it under observation. If the last is impracticable and if the patient refuses to be guided by medical advice, some steps should be taken to have the patient removed from this position. We physicians should also endeavor to have transportation companies institute such tests as will insure against the employment of those likely to be a menace to safety."

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