

"continental Company, whereby the latter company may be fully and equitably compensated for all work and expenditure already properly performed or made by them and ensuing to the benefit of the railway company, and for the completion of the construction of the road.

"I am instructed to request you to submit this letter to the Oregon and Transcontinental Company, with the request of the board for an early reply thereto.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"L. O. ARMSTRONG,

"Secretary."

These two documents are referred to in paragraph 20 of the plaintiffs' bill as Exhibits C and D, and their object and intent set forth with accuracy. The 20th paragraph concludes as follows: "the defendants further give out and threaten that they will wrongfully seize upon the correspondence of the said railway company, passing through the public mails; and to enable them so to seize such correspondence, the said Schultz, falsely pretending to act as president of said railway company, shortly prior to the exhibition of this bill, being instigated thereto, by the other defendants aforesaid, procured a box in the public post office at the said city of Winnipeg, over which he would have complete control, and to which he would have access at his pleasure; and he instructed the postmaster in charge of such office or his deputies or clerks, to place in such box all correspondence and other mail matter arriving at such office for the said railway company; and the defendants give out and threaten that they will forcibly seize upon the general office building, and upon the books, papers and seal of the said railway company, and will deprive the lawfully constituted directors and officers of the said company of the possession and custody of the said building, books, papers and the said seal."

These allegations of facts were not pretended to be denied by affidavit, or on the argument, by counsel.

I must be excused for transcribing paragraph 21 and 22 of the plaintiffs' bill.

"(21) If the Oregon and Transcontinental Company be not hindered in the prosecution of the work of constructing the said line of railway in accordance with said arrangement and contract for the construction thereof, and the business operations of the said railway company be not interfered with by the defendants, in the manner threatened by them as aforesaid, and the plaintiffs, who are the lawfully constituted directors and officers of the said railway company, be not deprived of, or obstructed in, the proper conduct of the affairs of such corporation, the said line of railway can and will be constructed and completed in the time and manner prescribed by the Acts of Parliament, and of the said order in Council; but in case any hindrances or obstructions be interposed to the prosecution of such works or to the management of the concerns of the said company by the said lawfully constituted directors or officers thereof, as threatened by the defendants, the completion of any considerable portion of the said line of railway will be wholly prevented."

"(22) By reason of the premises, the plaintiffs will be driven to a great multiplicity of actions to defend their rights in the said corporation and in its books, property and effects, and will be without any adequate remedy at law whatever."