

making all sorts of statements as to the bad work and material you, as Contractor, are supplying in construction of said road ; in fact one would suppose everything appertaining thereto, as per statement set forth, and in charges made, was of the worst possible description.

As a contractor, and having been concerned in construction of railways in this country, I cannot say that the charges preferred against you caused me much surprise—for I have seen the like made on so many occasions concerning other works of similar kind, without the shadow of foundation, that I was inclined to think they emanated from disappointed parties. I was, however, determined to see and judge for myself if any deviation or departure from the character and execution of the work had taken place since I saw and personally inspected a considerable portion of the line last year (1865), as it was progressing. I have again gone over the ground, and can unhesitatingly affirm the works are being executed in the most thorough, substantial, and workmanlike manner, and if you only carry out to the completion, in the same excellent mode, they will reflect great credit on yourself and all concerned. The masonry will rank among the best of its kind on this Continent. The steel scabbard joint fastening for rails for permanent way (though new to me) will, I believe, form a beautiful, smooth, easy, and substantial road ; in fact viewing the undertaking in all its integrity, it will, if completed as begun, bear comparison with any road I am acquainted with in this country.

I beg you will excuse me for addressing you on a subject in which I am in no way concerned, but I feel you have been unjustly assailed, and that such attacks must be both painful and hard to bear ; and I thought a few words from one practically acquainted with the construction of railways—honestly given after examination of the works—might not be unwelcome. Go on, complete the works as begun, and I feel assured the public will in the end, and after due inspection of the line, give an honest verdict in your favor, as they cannot fail to be otherwise than satisfied therewith.

Believe me to remain,

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH B. MOORE.

N. B.—The iron superstructure for the bridge at East River, appears to me well suited for this climate, and of good design. I like it much.

J. B. M.