both the making and executing of the plans, he must of necessity know for months in advance what may be required. Errors of judgment in ordering material in advance may therefore arise. If they have, they are few and far between. Nothing, however, has been purchased designedly in vain by any party.

The prices paid for labor have been very reasonable and just. They have ruled, as a general thing, considerably below the prices paid outside for similar labor, whereas it might properly be inferred that they would be much higher, owing to the danger and exposure attending a large portion of the work.

All labor has been expended upon the bridge itself, without exception.

No man has ever been employed to my knowledge by reason of any political influence, nor is there any man upon the pay rolls who does not honestly earn every cent he gets.

Respectfully submitted,

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