

Lexington and Eastern Railway Company, General Offices.

W.S. McDowell,
Manager.

Lexington, Ky.
April 19th, 1915.

Messrs Wootton & Morgan,
Hazard, Ky.

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Dear Sirs:-

We are being put to an enormous expense at Hazard in lubricating journal boxes. The investigation we have made indicates it is being stolen by parties passing through the tunnel north of Hazard. You understand that there is a great probability of accident in removing this dope. In case the journal is not properly lubricated in the course of movement it would perhaps be caused to run hot and burn off, thereby causing a serious derailment. Our oil bill has been multiplied by three within the last few months. I attach copy of letter from Judge Wilson after conversation with him bearing on this subject. I will be glad if you will advise what steps we should take. If any assistance is needed you can call upon Mr. Hardesty. Perhaps the arrest of some of those guilty would assist us materially in reducing this trouble.

Yours truly,

W.S. McDowell
Manager

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Mr. O.M. Hardesty,
Mr. S.N. Wilson.