

February 1, 1919

Gordon Van Tine Company,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Your favor was received, and I was very much pleased that you felt that you were not going along as fast as you would like to. However, your man Mr. Madden went to Louisville and got plasterers, painters and lathers and now you are catching up very rapidly with the carpenters and it will be very soon when they will catch the carpenters. When they do that, they can lay off the lathers and plasterers and keep enough to keep right behind the carpenters.

I am enclosing you blue print of the condition of the buildings as they exist today. You will see there is a key to those buildings showing how far they are along. The white means the buildings are painted and ready to occupy and the other keys explain themselves as well.

You are going along very nicely with the lathing and plastering and it looks as though you will get through here quicker than I expected you would. However, keep up the good work and let us get out of Benham as soon as we possibly can, because it is no place for a sport to live. What you ought to do is to come down here and stay for two or three weeks and get a taste of this country yourself and then you would appreciate how badly we want to get out of here.

Hoping to see you here soon and that this layout will be satisfactory, I am

Very truly yours,

WISCONSIN STEEL COMPANY, INC.

By _____
Supt. of Construction.

K/m
Enc.