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## TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS:

The railroads of Texas were built and are maintained and operated for your benefit. They are necessary for your welfare and happiness, else they would not have been authorized or Legally, it
nish you with reasonably adequate and expeditious transportation service.
You are required to pay, in the way of freight You are required to pay, in the way of freight
and passenger rates and fares, enough to pay all of the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the railroads and in addition thereto, enough to yield to the owners a reasonably
fair return upon the value of the property devoted to your use and benefit. The amount that you are required to pay is
controlled by your public officials, acting under controlled by your public officials, acting under ed by you. The amount that these public officials require you to pay is determined mainly by what it costs to operate the railroads. As
you will see further on, neither the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Texas Railroad Commission have authorized the charging of more than is necessary.
The records of the railroads are kept in ac-
cordance with rules and regulations prescribed cordance with rules and regulations prescribed
by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Those by the interstate commerce Commission. These roads to be kept separate from all other expenses. enues of the railroads and their operating ex enues
penses.

These statements are correct as far as they go. but they do not tell all the truth, for the reason hat they do not show the other expenses of the ailroads, such as taxes, etc. These other ex penses, taxes, hire tacilities, rents accrued for lease of roads and miscellaneous rents will, for the year ending June 30, 1917, amount to about seventeen million five hundred thousand dollars. Taxes alone will amount to over five million dollars. These expenses are just as legitimate and nec sary as the expense of running the trains. When these other necessary expenses are deducted, it will be seen that the railroads of Texas have earned during the year ending June
30 not over 6 per cent upon the value of their properties that are used exclusively for transportation purposes for your benefit. For the eight preceding years the railroads of twenty million dollars.
While other legitimate business is paying dividends of from ten to fifty per cent per annum, surely no just man will object to the rainon the value of their property. Surely they ought to be permitted to earn 6 per cent once
in nine years without being complained at, or in nine years without being complained at, or Out of the aforesaid return, the railroads must pay the interest on their bonds and other
indebtedness and make betterments, etc Unfortunately, the inability of the railroads Unfortunately, the inability of the railroads
railroad investments very unattractive and accounts for the almost complete cessation of raiload construction.
More and better railroads are needed, but until the business and earnings of the railroads business, men with money will not invest in railroads, there being so many other avenues of investment where the returns are much larger and much more certain. Whenever the operation of railroads becomes reasonably profitable, money wir be rea An aly.
An analysis and understanding of the condiwill convince any fair-minded man that they cannot stand a reduction in either their freight or passenger rates, and give to the people anything like adequate service. If passenger rates were reduced, freight rates would necessarily thing, shipped by rail, has to contribute to pay thing, shipped by rail, has to contribute to pay
freight rates. Only those who travel extensively would want passenger rates reduced and freight rates increased. These few are more able to pay the present reasonable passenger fares, than the masses of the people to pay greater freight rates.
To you who pay the expenses and are entitled to know the facts, this simple statement of the
condition of these public service utilities is submitted and we most respectfully and earnestly ask your fair and intelligent consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Managers Texas Railroads


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