

# The Chicago Tribune.

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

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Miss Ida E. Tarbell,  
Dear Madam:

Since writing you this morning I have found that Abraham Lincoln was one of the counsel for the defendant in a case brought by the owners of a vessel called the "Effie Afton" against the Rock Island railroad company for damages to the boat sustained by striking against one of the piers of the Rock Island bridge. The boat was burned and so was the span of the bridge. The accident happened May 7, 1858. The trial took place sometime thereafter and resulted in the disagreement of the jury. The trial took place before Judge McClean. Is this the bridge case you have in mind, and if so, shall I search the files from the date of the accident on until I find the trial?

Yours sincerely,

Edward B. Clark