

May 7th, 1896.

Miss. Ida M. Tarbell.

Dear Miss. Tarbell, I have yours of May 4th in reference to the Rock Island Bridge Case. I am pleased to be of any assistance to you in this matter.

The case you refer to is properly entitled "James Ward vs. The Mississippi Railroad Company."

On the 7th of May, A.D. 1858, James Ward filed his Bill in Chancery in the District Court of the U.S. for the District of Iowa, Middle Division of said District. Testimony was taken in various places in the state and various orders were entered & a final decree was entered, April 3, 1860, in the U.S. Dist. Court Southern Division, at Keokuk. This decree adjudged the Bridge a nuisance & ordered it abated. Whereupon an appeal was prayed by George C. Campbell, solicitor for the Railroad Co.

The case then appears in the United States Supreme Court as "The Mississippi & Missouri Railroad Company, appellants vs. James Ward."

You can apply to the Clerks of either of the courts named for further particulars if you wish to go into them, but I do not think you will as I am reasonably sure that Abraham Lincoln did not have anything to do with the case.

I do not find his name in any of the Bills, Pleadings or motions. I was present in the Supreme Court at Washington when the case was argued by Hon. Burton C. Cook assisted by the Hon. Revuey Johnson. I saw all the people connected with the Railroad side of the case and Mr. Lincoln was not one of them, but was at that time the President of the U.S.

The ~~Attorney~~ Counsel for the Plaintiff in the lower court was J. S. Lincoln and I feel sure Mrs. Judd has mistaken him for our Mr. Lincoln.

very sincerely,
H. T. Glover.