

## Memorandum.

"The Mexican Northern Railroad runs from Escalon, Chihuahua, on the Mexican Central, to Sierra Mojada, 78 miles. It is a desert plateau, without an inhabitant, and was built solely to transport ore from one silver mine. The minimum average of traffic is 30 Cars per day = 600 tons of ore, and this at \$7.68 per ton, or \$150. per Car, gives \$450. per day, or \$200,000. per month, Mexican - or in gold \$105,000.. This is from the General Manager of the railroad."

"The Mormon Colonists in Western Chihuahua, sell sawed lumber (Ash, Oak and Pine), at their Mill for \$10. per M. (Mexican). This is worth \$21. (gold), at El Paso, 200 miles distance."

"The Texas & New Orleans Railroad - Orange to Houston, 110 miles, - carries \$11,000. per mile, a year - and this mostly comes from its lumber traffic."

"The trunk line, from Topolobampo to El Paso, will run through the greatest mineral and timber belt in Mexico."