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This letter may have been drafted by Kansas Governor John Martin of Topeka or his secretary. The letter informs H.M. Hoxie, Missouri Pacific Railway Company vice president, of a meeting with Missouri Governor John Marmaduke to discuss the effect of a recent railroad strike on Kansas and Missouri. The interruption of rail service had taken its toll on commerce and public pressure encouraged the governors of both states to intervene.

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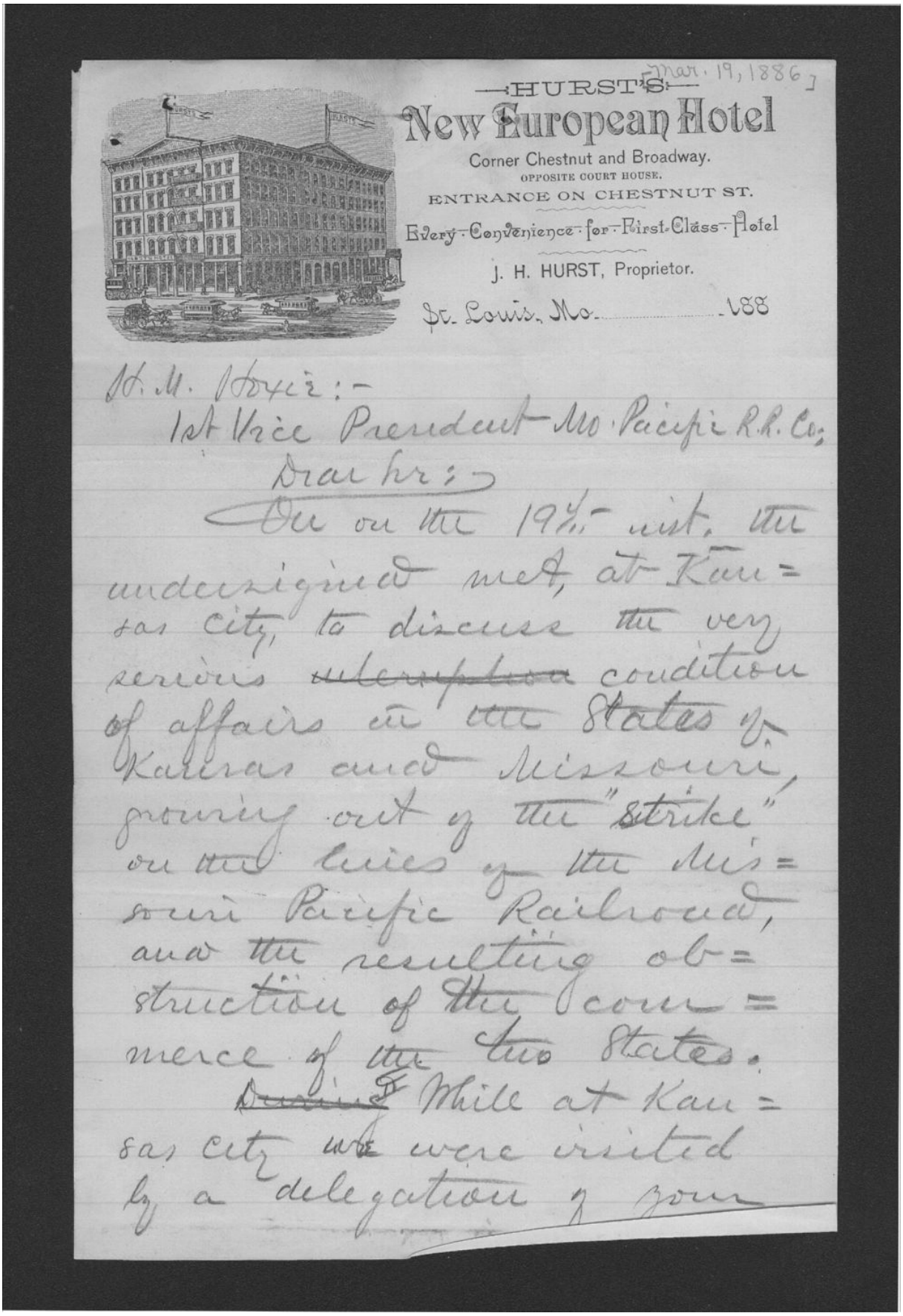
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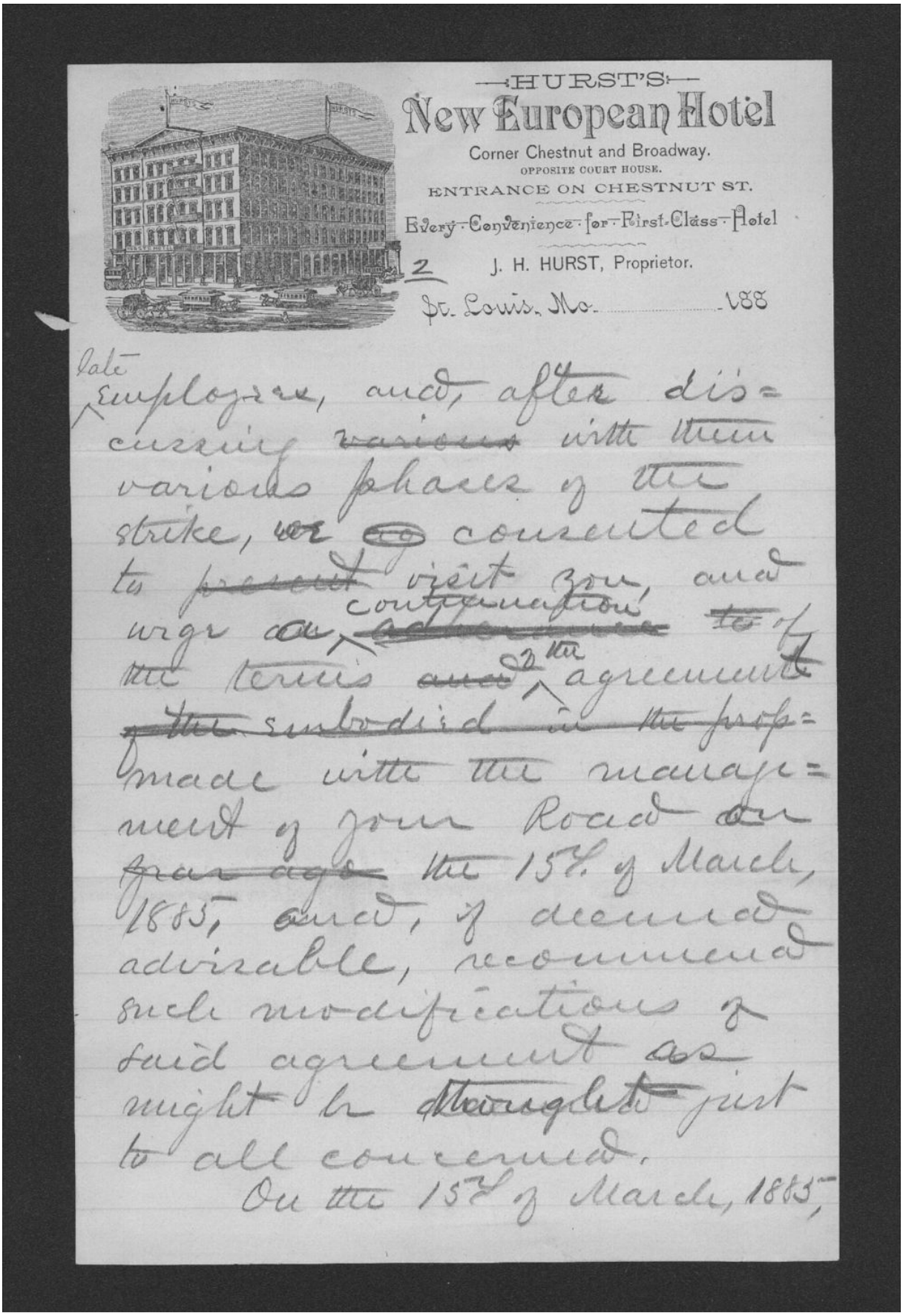
[Mar. 19, 1886]

H. M. Hoxie:-
1st Vice President Mo. Pacific R.R. Co.
Dear Sir:-

On the 19th inst. the undersigned met at Kansas City, to discuss the very serious ~~disruption~~ condition of affairs in the States of Kansas and Missouri, growing out of the "Strike" on the lines of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and the resulting obstruction of the commerce of the two States.

~~During~~ While at Kansas City we were visited by a delegation of your

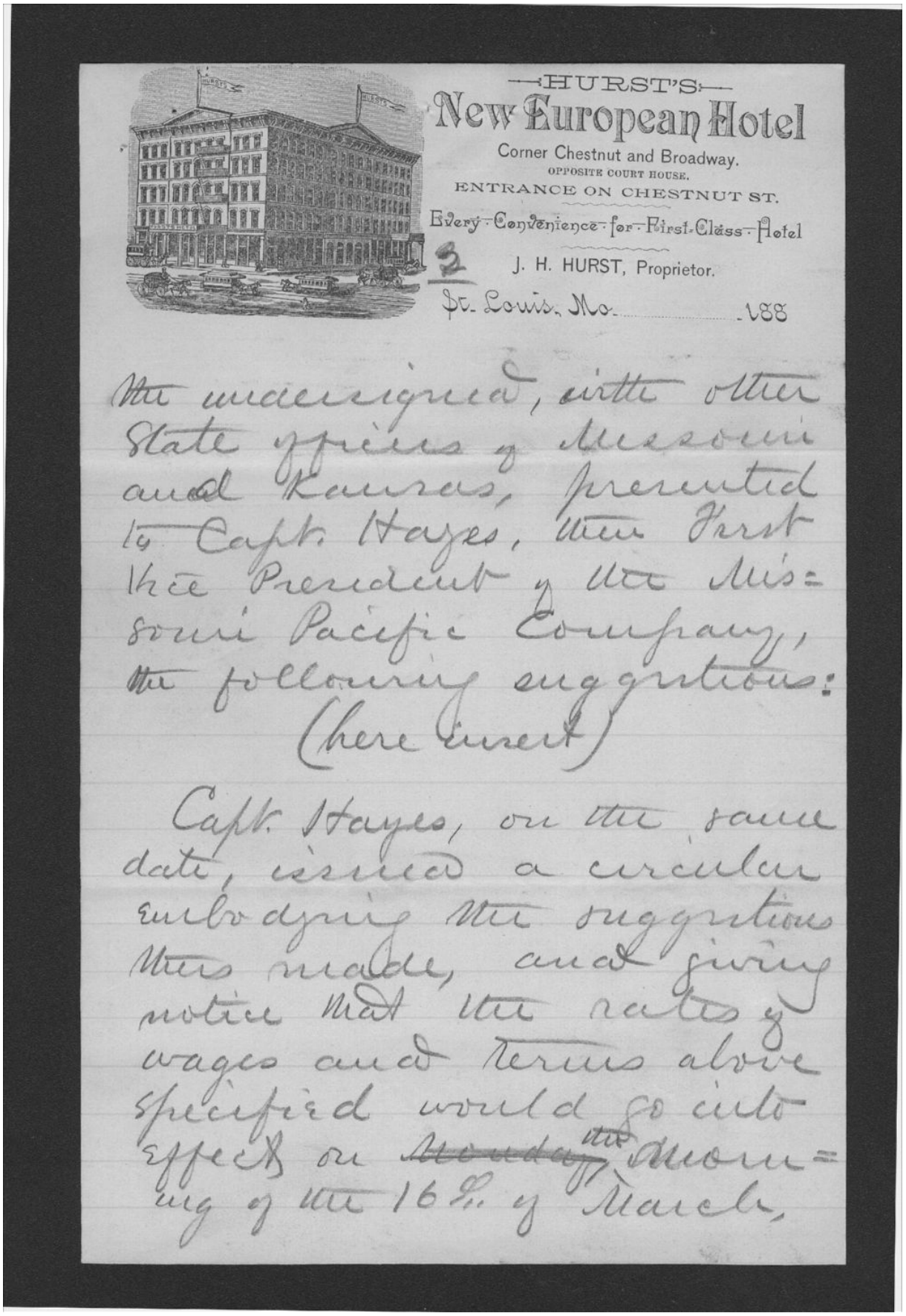
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late
employees, and, after dis-
cussing ~~various~~ with them
various phases of the
strike, we ~~[illegible]~~ consented
to ~~present~~ visit you, and
urge on, ~~[illegible]~~ continuation of
the terms and agreements
~~the subdivid in the prop-~~
made with the manage-
ment of your Road on
~~[illegible]~~ the 15th of March,
1883, and, if deemed
advisable, recommend
such modifications of
said agreement as
might be thought just
to all concerned.
On the 15th of March, 1883,

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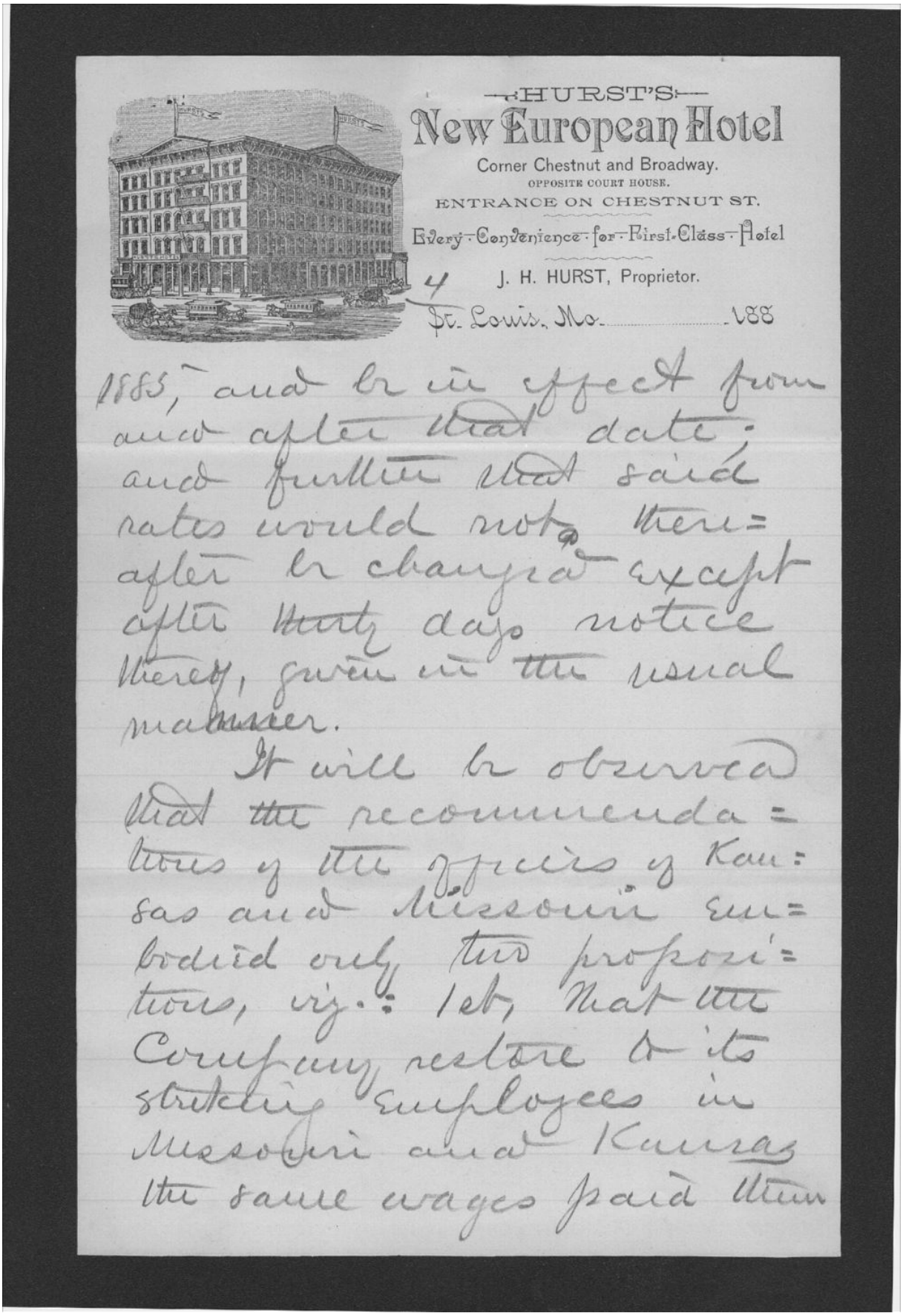
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The undersigned, with other State officers of Missouri and Kansas, presented to Capt. Hayes, then First Vice President of the Missouri Pacific Company, the following suggestions:

(here insert)

Capt. Hayes, on the same date, issued a circular embodying the suggestions then made, and giving notice that the rates of wages and terms above specified would go into effect on ~~Monday~~ the morning of the 16th of March,

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1885, and be in effect from and after that date; and further that said rates would not thereafter be changed except after thirty days notice thereof, given in the usual manner.

It will be observed that the recommendations of the officers of Kansas and Missouri embodied only two propositions, viz: 1st, That the Company restore to its striking employees in Missouri and Kansas the same wages paid them

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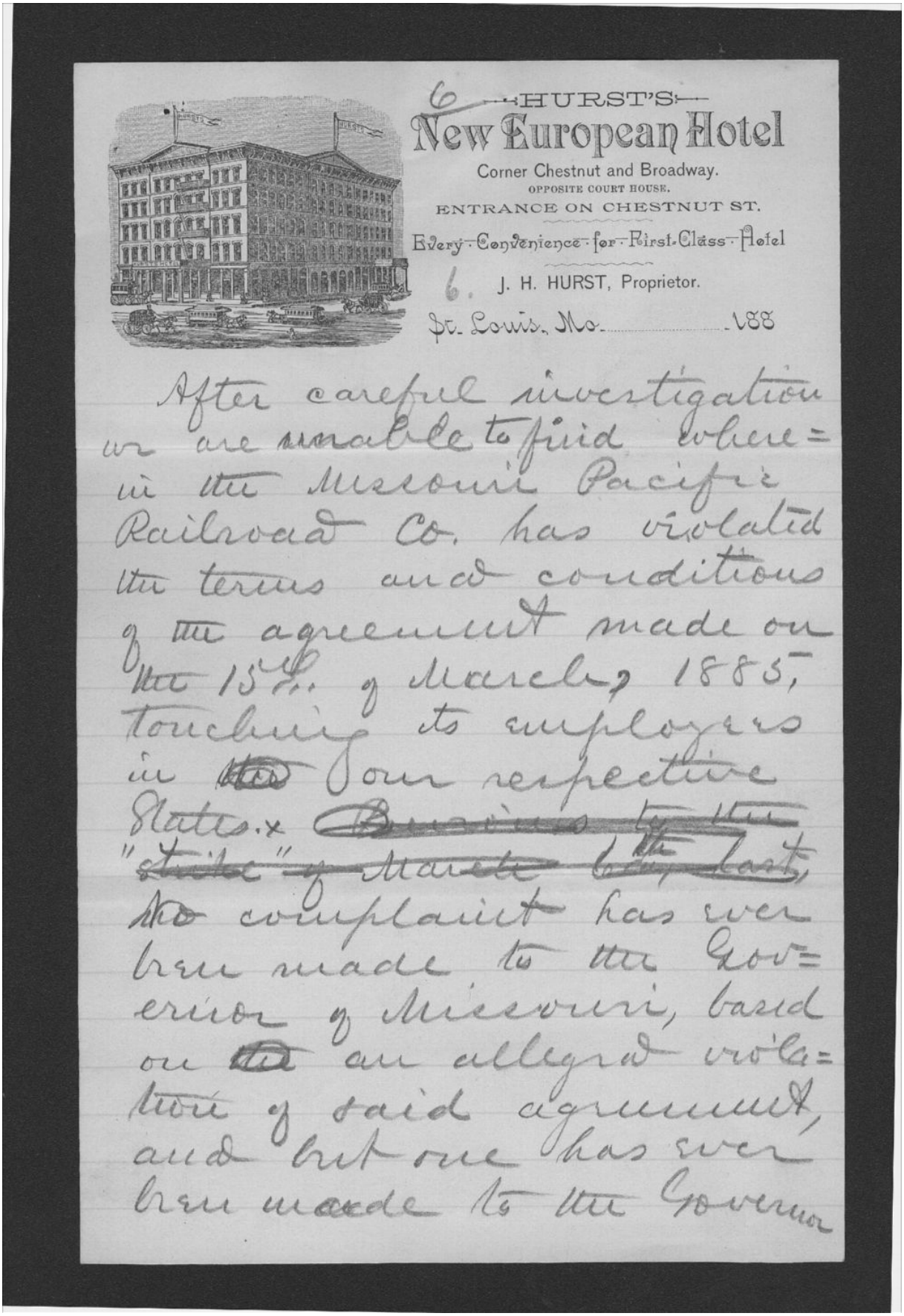
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in September, 1884, includ=
ing one and one = half
price for extra time worked;
and

2d, To restore all
said striking employes
to their several employ=
ments without prejudice
to them on account of
said strike.

To these conditions
Capt. Hayes added ~~one~~
a third, viz: That there=
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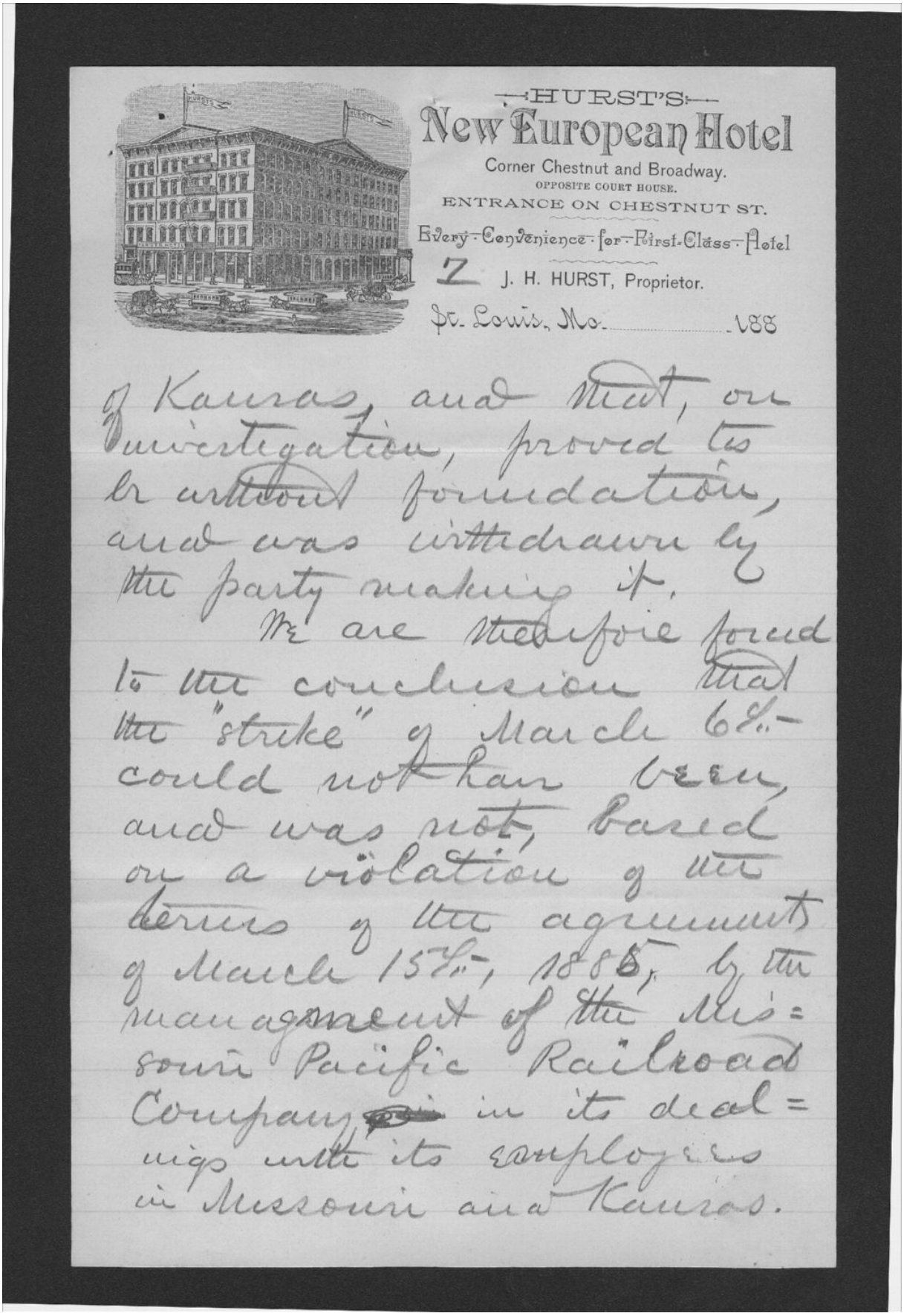
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After careful investigation we are unable to find where in the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. has violated the terms and conditions of the agreement made on the 15th of March, 1885, touching its employees in Your respective States. x ~~Business to the "strike" of March last,~~ No complaint has ever been made to the Governor of Missouri, based on an alleged violation of said agreement, and but one has ever been made to the Governo

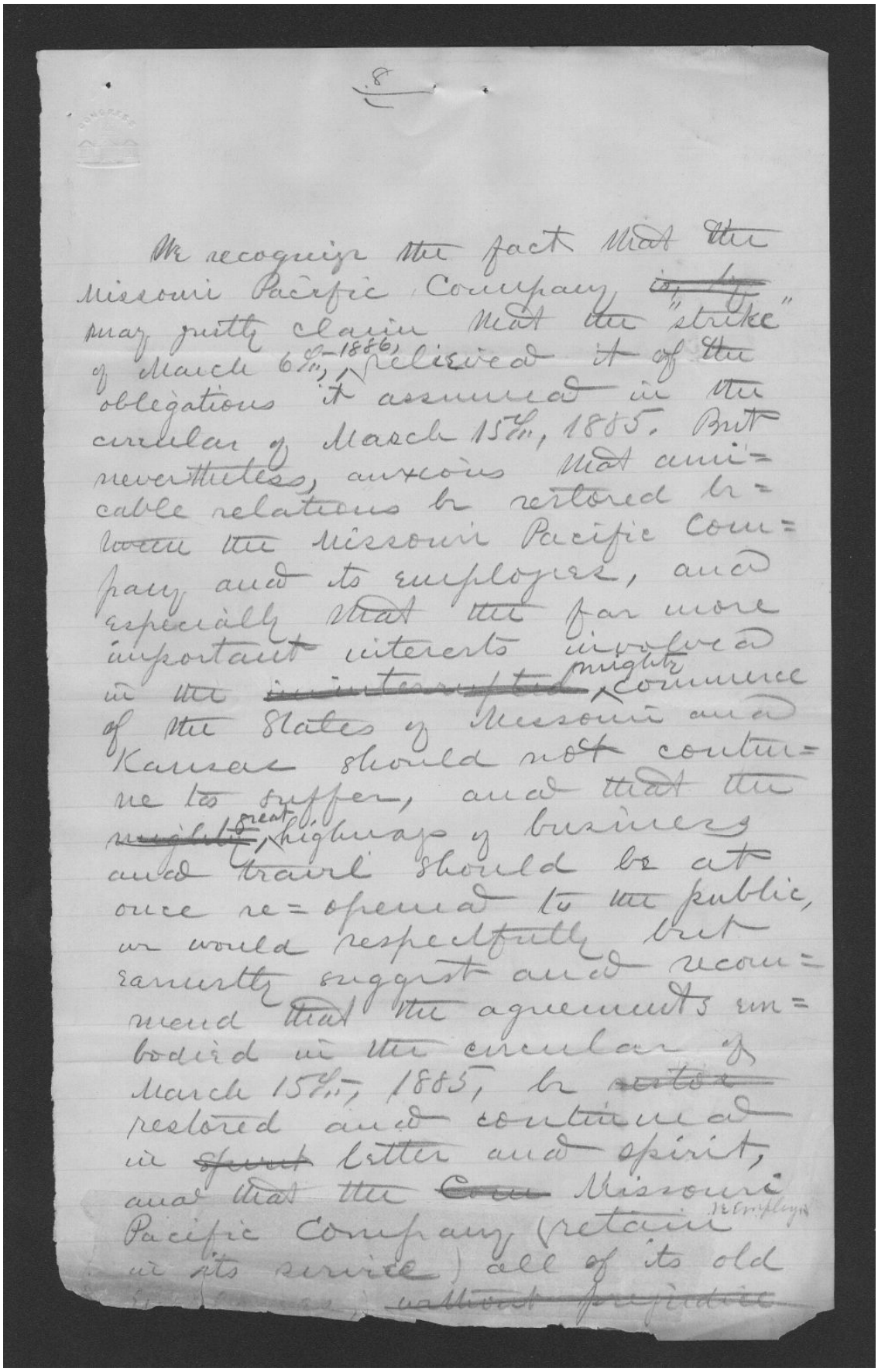
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of Kansas, and that, on investigation, proved to be without foundation, and was withdrawn by the party making it.

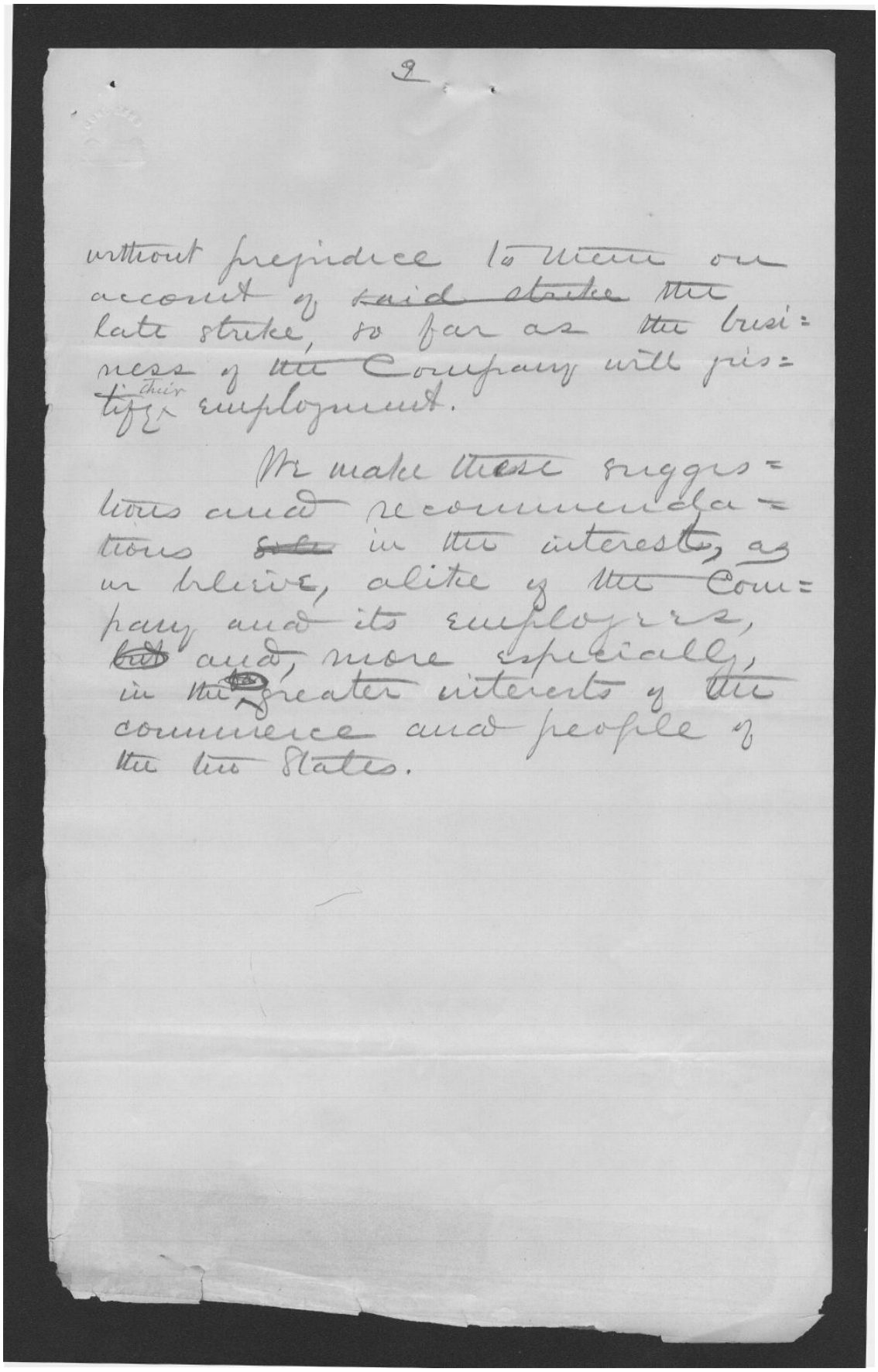
We are therefore forced to the conclusion that the "strike" of March 6th could not have been, and was not, based on a violation of the terms of the agreement of March 15th, 1886, by the management of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in its dealings with its employees in Missouri and Kansas.

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We recognize the fact that the Missouri Pacific Company ~~is~~ may justly claim that the "strike" of March 6th, 1886, relieved it of the obligations it assumed in the circular of March 15th, 1885. But nevertheless, anxious that amicable relations be restored between the Missouri Pacific Company and its employees, and especially that the far more important interests involved in the ~~interrupted~~ ×mighty commerce of the States of Missouri and Kansas should not continue to suffer, and that the ~~mighty~~ ×great highways of business and travel should be at once re-opened to the public, we would respectfully but earnestly suggest and recommend that the agreements embodied in the circular of March 15th, 1885, be restored and continued in ~~spirit~~ letter and spirit, and that the ~~Com~~ Missouri Pacific Company (retain ×employes in its service) all of its old ~~without prejudice~~



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without prejudice to them on account of ~~said strike~~ the late strike, so far as the business of the Company will justify ~~their~~ employment.

We make these suggestions and recommendations ~~etc~~ in the interests, as we believe, alike of the Company and its employees, ~~but~~ and, more especially, in the greater interests of the commerce and people of the two States.