some relief and believe they will continue to work until the Legislature shall rise. Mr. Dwight seems interested actively engaged and I hear less complaint from them than they. They are keeping an considerable progress. Do give me the first dawn of good news, that I may give it currency. I heard a few days ago a faint hope myself, which has inspired immediately my back, and altho' I am above yet there down have much difficulty in rising. At this time, an attempt to leave home I fear would further injure me, you are however authorized in connection with Young, to use my name in any way that can obtain for me the road relief. I feel too, greatly for Mr Dwight, as well as the subcontractor, and am willing to do any thing in my power, that will relieve them from their present condition. Make my respects to Mr Crawford. to him for his exertions in our behalf (for we are so identified with the work when I speak of ourselves I speak of the road) ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~owe him~~ a debt of gratitude, which we can never pay.

Sincerely Your friend

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