

of the river though, so I don't see that the point is covered. I recommended a railway on the east bank of the river.

Q But you still say the acquiring of these properties was a pretty good step to take?

A I would say as manager of the company it would be one.

Q Yes. And as far back as February 20, 1917, or prior thereto you had been discussing with Mr. James A. King the question of getting option on this Lower Semarie and Aurora properties, had you not?

A I don't remember of that discussion, you remember that was ten years ago.

Q Your memory a while ago was very clear back to 1912.

A Yes, we remember things when we were children, that we don't always remember later on.

Q Were you a child in 1912?

A No.

Q How is your memory emphasized at all?

A Because some things are emphasized there and they are recorded on your memory.

Q Now you were the manager of this Demara Bauxite Company from, say, January 1917, to the summer of 1918?

A I was.

Q And you know, Mr. Emery that the acquisition of the Lower Semarie and the Aurora properties was the subject