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Dudley, Idaho, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1906.

Today in the Dudley postoffice I noticed several letters from Atty. Jones, the damage claimants' attorney. Chas. McMillan, Ed. Williamson, Alva Ellis and Robt. Bacon each received one. I waited until Ed Williamson called for his mail and as he was on his way to Wallace, I made an excuse and went to Wallace with him. I got several drinks into him and put him to bed. Later I took the letter he received from W.C. Jones and copied it and will send an exact copy as a report.

Williamson told me that he received a letter from Jones and that the case would be decided in February, and that the ranchers would have to pay the lawyers more money, as the case had proven very expensive. Williamson said that he had no money now for Jones, but intimated that he would have to pay it some time.

We spent the night in Wallace.

Dudley, Idaho, Sunday, Nov. 25, 1906.

Ed Williamson and I were around Wallace until the 2:00 P.M. train, when we returned to Dudley, arriving at 3:15 P.M. Alva Ellis and Robert Bacon were in Dudley, but there was no mention made of the damage question.

Dudley, Idaho, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1906.

Today I saw Alava Ellis who said that Atty. Jones was trying to "hand him a large package of hot air" and all that Jones wanted now was \$85.00 and wanted it quick. Ellis is going to Spokane this evening and said that he would probably call and see Jones. He did not say he would not pay this bill, but talked as though he was getting robbed, and said that the contract said it could not cost to exceed \$25.00 and he has already paid \$40.00. He said that it was strange that such a man as John Fisher, Joe Brown, Robt. Bacon and P. Hyde who have never paid the attorneys a cent and yet the attorneys still claim these parties are in the suit and he, himself, and some others are putting up all the money, and that unless Jones could explain this, he would not pay another cent, and that the only way Jones could keep in the damage suit was by Jones' putting up the money and holding it out of any damage that they might be able to collect from the mining companies.

Dudley, Idaho, Monday, Nov. 26, 1906.

The following is a complete copy of the letter from W.C. Jones