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CALL J. J. HILL IN STEEL INQUIRY

Stanley Committee to Ask the Railroad Builder About Those Mesabi Ore Leases.

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Washington, February 4.—James J. Hill will be the star witness before the Stanley steel committee this week. A summons for the appearance of Mr. Hill has been issued.

The railroad builder now is in Georgia, but he will return to Washington in time to appear before the steel investigator Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Hill leased to the steel corporation valuable properties in the Mesabi region. Members of the Stanley committee charge that the leases were forced on the steel corporation after conferences between J. Pierpont Morgan and Mr. Hill. A few months ago the steel corporation gave notice of an intention to terminate in 1915 its leases on the Hill ore properties. Andrew Carnegie testified before the steel committee that the steel corporation had been paying excessive prices for the Hill ore and that the corporation had lost heavily by the deal. Representative Stanley and his Democratic associates believe Mr. Hill will be an interesting witness.

Congress's Program for the Coming Week; Keep Up Tariff Work

Washington, February 4.—Tariff revision work in committees of both houses, a renewed attempt to fix a date for action on the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, and a house caucus Wednesday night on the controversy between house leaders over the proposed investigation of the so-called "money trust" will enliven congress this week.

House Republicans will caucus tomorrow to ratify the selections which the various state delegations in congress have made for the representative of each state on the Republican congressional committee. This committee will have charge of the party's general work in the next congressional campaign.