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I certify that I had the entire control of the
Steam Boat Utility once up, and once out of
the Sangamon ~~and~~ river; and that I have
been up and down the said river, on flat and
other boats, at least once a year, for the last
five or six years; and that, in my opinion, ~~the~~
even the small sum of fifteen hundred, or two
thousand dollars, might be profitably expended
in improving the said river.

Thos Epperson

Letter in
pencil to
Merrill
August 21st
Mrs. Person

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