

To the Hon the Senate & House of representatives
of the United States in Congress assembled

The undersigned memorialists citizens of
^{xx} Jasper County, respectfully ask leave to represent
to your honorable bodies that they labor under great
inconvenience for want of such mail facilities
as (not only) the growing (but present) importance
of the country justly entitle them to expect. —
— That they live in a section of the state that
is in every particular strictly agricultural —
the occupation of the citizens being principally
stock raising & from the very nature of their
calling it is highly important to their interests
they should know the state of the market at the
earliest possible opportunity. In order to rep-
resent this matter more clearly & to present the claims
of your memorialists in its proper light before your
honorable bodies they would ask leave to make the
following representation. During last spring
when least it was expected — immediately after
the U. S. Arms had been triumphant at Buena Vista
— when all were expecting an early adjust-
ment of our Mexican difficulties, a demand was oc-
casioned for cattle at Independence & Fort Leaven-
worth on the Missouri frontier to supply the quar-
termasters department. The farms of your memorial-
ists were well stocked with that article but in con-
sequence of the tardiness of the mails their cattle
was purchased by speculators & jobbers from in & about
Independence for much less of their real value & within
150 miles of the market. The undersigned attribute
it to the tardiness of the mails alone that a few men
a very few were enabled, to realize fortunes off of
the hard earned industry of the country. Your

Memorialists would represent the above as being only one of the many inconvenience under which they labour in consequence of the want of proper mail facilities. They are of opinion that a country producing an amount of stock far greater than most portions of ^{Southern} the prairie is entitled to such mail facilities as will keep them advised at the earliest moment of any change in the market, far more able to their interests & be a preventative in future from their being imposed upon by speculators & sacrificing their property.

Your memorialists would further state that they rarely if ever, are in receipt of the St. Louis Mail under ten or 14 days, when under an arrangement they propose they will receive it in from six to 8 days.

In consideration of the premises above set forth & the interests your memorialists feel in the news of the day — in receiving their papers pamphlets documents &c in a reasonable time they are induced to ask of your honorable bodies the passage of an act establishing a semi weekly mail route from Bolivar in Polk County via Greenfield Dade County, Oakland Lawrence County, Carthage Jasper County, Union Grove to Des Moines the County Seat of Newton County. Your memorialists would represent that by establishing the proposed route many sections of the country could be accommodated with mail facilities with but little expense to the department of cross & connecting routes. In conclusion your memorialists would respectfully ask of your honorable bodies as early consideration of this Memorial as is convenient & they will ever pray &c

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