Dear Daughter,

Yours letter of Oct 2nd reached New Orleans after me last and I know just received it. The adjustment of centre of tail stock referred to by Farrell Fodge Mr. Brown showed me a sketch of the Inclined head. Which had in it an adjustable tail spindle the arrangement for adjusting, I did not believe to be as good as the one I made for the McDowell 35" tail stock the recent cap nut and adjusting arrange in all he want, have Mrs. Ashley make a copy of that past and send it too them the reason I did not send it to you after to send it but Mr. Brown his manner he did not seem very anxious. But it seems I was mistaken according to present arrangements I will leave here next Monday. I am at present studying the routes and may have to change my plans on account of the difficulty of getting a time ticket at a reasonable price.
I must have 10 days to make the trip and
the $42. ticket is limited to 4 days. I may buy
2nd class part of the way and lay in Boston
from here to New Orleans then to Atlanta
and from there home. I don't see any other
way at present. Ellen has had a little set back
She caught Cold in Some Way and had a
coughing
bad Night. She is quite strong able to walk
limited haste then when the first came. I believe
the set back Only temporary. If she improves
I will start Monday if not I will not start until
there is a change. Eleanor is going to school
every day. She passed the Exams the principal
gave her all O.K. I visited the Machine
Shops in this town. I got acquainted and
that is about all that I can say. they are
very crude affairs General goods. the
largest in Boston of them is a 36, and
not many of any kind. the city is purely
commercial. Very clean built of White Stone or
white brick. no stone they learn wood. besides the
new hose and the Electric R. D. St. coal is $3.50
hard coal. 12 per ton. there is a native coal that
is cheap but it is very poor. I will write again
in the morning and report how Ellen gets along. Wlliam