



The Illinois Central Railroad company charges that it has been defrauded out of about \$2,000,000 in graft on repair work during the past four years. It has filed suit for an accounting against four of its former officials in the circuit court in Chicago. The railroad company's bill,

which alleges conspiracy to defraud, names the following men: Orland S. Keith, former superintendent of transportation; Joseph E. Buker, former assistant superintendent of the car machinery; William Renshaw, former superintendent of machinery; John M. Taylor, former gen-

eral storekeeper. In connection with these charges made against its former officials, the Illinois Central road declares in its bill that the concerns profited in alleged overcharges on car repair work in the following amounts: The Blue Island Equipment company, \$400,000; the American Car and Equipment company, \$100,000; Casterman Manufacturing company, \$750,000; the Memphis Car company, \$300,000. In addition to the suit filed against the four former officials, the railroad also filed suits against the American Car and Equipment company and the West Pullman Car company. These suits were also filed in the circuit court.

The action follows months of investigation by the railroad company and numerous rumors of an alleged "graft ring" in the Illinois Central railroad.

The roofs of three buildings at the Missouri state prison in Jefferson City were blown off in a storm. Two prisoners were slightly injured. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

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