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This is a letter dated 15 September 1867 from J. D. Champlin of Champlin, Balch & Company, "railroad contractors," in St. Louis, Missouri, to his son, John. The letter concerns construction of the Iowa Central railroad and some family matters.

Little is known about J. D. Champlin. His partner, A. P. Balch, was a director of the Santa Fe railroad between 1868 and 1871, and appears to have been a leading citizen of Hanover, New Hampshire. This single-page letter is on the letterhead of Champlin, Balch & Company, which was located at 314 North Third Street in downtown St. Louis, "over Merchants' Union Ex. Co." In the letter Champlin noted that "I have got the contract for 230 miles Iowa Central," at \$5000 per mile plus \$15000 per mile in first mortgage bonds. Champlin also related that the Iowa Central "is the most important road to St. Louis, making a direct line from here to St. Paul," and that "We are progressing very well with our road here."

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