

In this first photo, we see that the loader has been spotted by the locomotive (either #202 or #204) and that timber cribbing has been placed outside the ties to help support the loader as the wheels are raised. A crewman is watching as the wheels are lifted to make sure that all goes well during this very important process, as the loader operator cannot see what is happening from his position.

Since there are no log cars or train in view, and the loader would have had to been coupled at the rear of the train, and shoved into position, we have to assume that the engine and log cars are off to the right somewhere out of the photo. But are they?

The loader has to be fully steamed up to be able to raise the wheels as well as hoist the logs. Again, we must assume that the loader was kept under steam at the Crowell Camp at Meridian and that the log train would have picked it up there to take into the woods.

For the record, this is the only photo that we have of the actual operation of raising the wheels on the McGiffert Loader.