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Mr. James Milis
San Diego Historical Society
2727 Presidio Drive
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Dear Mr. Milis:

My father, Joseph O. Osgood, built the railroad through the Royal Gorge in Colorado in 1878, and in 1880 started construction of the California Southern Railroad which he completed from San Diego to Colton. On one or both of these jobs he used Chinese labor.

During his lifetime (he died in 1916), he told me many interesting incidents about his early work which I am now trying to record. His letter book and few other remaining records make no reference to the use of Chinese labor on either project.

If you can give me any information on the labor used on the California Southern, I shall appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Joseph O. Osgood

