This is a handbill by J. H. Criswell at Owensville in Gasconade County, Missouri, soliciting ties for the St. Louis, Kansas City, and Colorado Railroad.

The St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado Railroad, known popularly as the “Colorado Line,” was chartered to build west from St. Louis to Denver, Colorado. In April 1902, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad acquired the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado Railroad. At the time of the acquisition, 104 miles of the Colorado line had been completed to Bland, in Gasconade County, Missouri. The Rock Island provided funds to continue construction. The Gasconade River was bridged in 1902, and connection made with Kansas City in 1904.

At Owensville, J. H. Criswell paid ten cents per tie at the stump.

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