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ON THIS DAY,

SEPTEMBER 9, 1857

Lincoln is in Chicago, where he represents the defendants in a U.S. Circuit Court case. On this day, the plaintiffs' attorneys present "voluminous depositions" regarding the steamboat Effie Afton, which was traveling on the Mississippi River to St. Paul, Minnesota, when it tried to pass under a newly built railroad bridge at Rock Island, Illinois. The steamboat hit two piers, caught fire, and sank into the river. The plaintiffs are suing the Rock Island Bridge Company for damages to recover the value of the lost ship and cargo.



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