

I can't believe you and your business partners are really concerned about how long it takes a train to get from point a to point b. To get investors for this kind of project you must show a profit on their money.

I see you as a front man for big oil and the by-pass will be used to move crude oil by 150 or 200 tank car trains around Chicago. Your 15,000 acres will turn out to be a huge intermodal complex like the one south of Joliet.

You believe that this project will bring all kinds of manufacturing companies back to this area. How come the Joliet area has a 9% unemployment rate with that huge complex in their backyard?

Any smart manufacturing company will have an automated robotic assembly line and they don't want the average line worker. If manufacturing would come back, those \$23.00 per hour jobs of yesterday will be \$12.00 per hour jobs. We are teaching 1<sup>st</sup> graders how to use computers and when they get to the work force, they will not want to work in a factory.

You are using money to push people around, which is not good. Your legacy might end up being very negative.

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