

IN RE INVESTIGATION OF AN ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON THE ATLANTIC
COAST LINE RAILROAD, NEAR TIMMONSVILLE, S.C., ON JULY 18, 1918.

November 25, 1918.

On July 18, 1918, there was a rear-end collision between two freight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Timmons ville, S. C., which resulted in the death of one employee and the injury of two employees. After investigation, the Chief of the Bureau of Safety reports as follows:

This accident occurred on that part of the Columbia district of the first division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad which extends between Florence, S. C., and Robbins, S. C., a distance of 138 miles. It is a single track line over which trains are operated by time-table and train orders transmitted by telegraph. The general direction is north and south. No block signal system is in use, and trains in the same direction are spaced by rule which requires them to keep at least ten minutes apart, except in closing up at stations.

Southbound freight train No. 209, in charge of Conductor Foxworth and Engineman Cappell, consisted of engine 1019, 39 cars and a caboose. It left Florence at about 3.30 a.m. en route for Augusta, Ga., and while passing Timmons ville, 11.4 miles south of Florence, was struck by southbound freight train No. 219 at about 4.25 a.m.

Southbound train No. 219 consisted of U. S. A, locomotive 1062, 38 cars and a caboose, in charge of Conductor Jackson and