Engimen of 88 Bonds to General "For the Money We Get in the Bond Sale, We Can Pay the Wage Bill and the Mortgage Bill" Washington, D. C., Dec. - For nearly a month, Mr. John R. Milton, master of the American railroads, has been urging the United States government to informally advise the Federal government that it is ready to retire the $100,000,000 national railroad loan of 4.75 per cent which matures this month. The railroads are now in a critical financial situation, and the government has been urged by Mr. Milton to take action to prevent a railroad strike. The railroads are facing a serious financial crisis due to the high cost of labor and materials, and the government has been urged to take action to prevent a strike that could paralyze the nation. The railroads have been urged to make a financial statement and to inform the government that they are ready to retire the bond. The government has been urged to take action to prevent a railroad strike that could paralyze the nation.