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Pomfret, April 11.

Coroner A. G. Bill of Danlston has begun his investigation of the freight wreck which resulted in the death of five railroad men here early yesterday morning. He is arranging for the railroad officials interested to go to Putnam, where an inquest will be held in a few days. He has also interviewed the railroad men in the Day-Kimball Hospital in Putnam. In a statement tonight, Coroner Bill said:—

"While I have not taken evidence enough yet to make an official finding, as far as I have gone it appears as though the wreck was due to the failure of the brakeman on the head freight train, going toward Putnam, to throw out any signals to the train following. The head train was moving very slowly, and it appears that no signals were given to warn the engineer following. Whether any other factors entered into this failure on his part will be determined at the inquest."

* The brakeman on the head freight was P. R. Johnson of Boston, who was killed.

The injured men taken to the hospital will all recover, one of them having already left the hospital.