

The Giddings News

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**Brakeman Suffers Misfortune
of Having Hand Mashed**

Wednesday about 12:30 P. M. Buster Mobley, brakeman on the H. & T. C. local freight train, while doing some switching here in the yards and making a coupling, in some way slipped or stumbled about the time the cars went together he grabbed the draw head and had his left hand badly mashed, the four fingers having been caught in between the draw heads when the coupling was made. The cars were moving very slowly. Another brakeman on top of the cars was looking at him and said both knuckles, or couplings were turned so they would not make a coupling as they went together and Mr. Mobley about the time he reached in to straighten the draw heads from some cause stumbled. The mash was an ugly wound and cripples his hand for life. The company Dr. was soon at his office and Mr. Mobley as given first aid attention, the passenger train being due in a short while, he wanted to go to Austin, his home, and where the company has a hospital, so left for there. He was suffering considerably when he left here and the Dr. gave the party who accompanied him some medicine in case it got worse. Mr. Mobley is a young man and has the sympathy of many friends.