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COVER:

Two car train #83 at East Peoria, IL on June 11, 1955. This is the last day of service and the last run ending service between Springfield, IL and East Peoria. Photo taken by Paul Stringham and is from the DJN collection. I used this photo as the 277 was the car I rode on when I had my first big foray on the mainline Illinois Terminal on January 21, 1955 at the age of 14. Car 277 is preserved at the Illinois Railway Museum. It is ironic that #277, and all of the other Illinois Terminal equipment that is at IRM, server TWO Union Illinois' in their equipment "lifetimes". The "mainline" Union was 10 miles north of Lincoln; 33 miles south of Peoria and 40 miles north of Springfield, IL. The 277 has now been at "the other" Union for a year or so longer than its original service on the railroad. Let's say 1906 until March 3, 1956 and at IRM from "then" til now in January 2008. I was just thinking that I could have used an Electroliner on the front cover as this year is the 45th anniversary of the last run of the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee on January 21, 1963. That is also my retirement date two years ago from Schnucks Markets. 65 years + 6 months from July 21, 1940.

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