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**On the cover:** Illinois Terminal train #61 WB at Illiopolis, Illinois, on April 26, 1953. Motor car #276 hauling Trailer 529. Scheduled arrival at this location was 9:47 AM. That is the still fairly new U.S. Highway 36 underpass. You can still go to this location today in 2005 and drive underneath, which I did on April 30<sup>th</sup> on my way to the ITS meet in Decatur. Just west of here along "Old 66" is a long stretch of the old IT trackage, now used by Norfolk Southern, but in recent times quite dormant. The old Ordnance Plant was in a story in the ITS Society's "FLYER" just a few short years ago. The reason for the photo is that June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, was the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the demise of passenger service on June 11, 1955. Photo is from the William J. Clouser estate and has the initials JDJ on the back. Could this be James D. Johnson?

**Contents:**

- Photos of Norfolk Southern derailment in Valley Park, MO.
- Reprint of "Eleven More PCCs for MUNI's F-Market Line" article from the Fall 2004 issue of "Inside Track", the newsletter of The Market Street Railway.
- Construction update and photos of Metrolink's cross county extension.

- Announcement about the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hoosier Traction Meet in Indianapolis, scheduled for the weekend of September 9 &\* 10, 2005.