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The two man crew is extremely necessary for multiple reason but above all for safety. The conductor helps keep track of the things happening throughout the route, logging signals along the way and any radio communication so that the engineer could concentrate on controlling/driving the train safely. Any extra duties the engineer would be required to do if you take the conductor off the route would hinder the engineers ability to control the train safely. If an emergency happened medically there would be no one there to assist. If the engineer is needing to look up a rule pertaining to an uncommon mishap/alarm they might miss a signal or even worse a person on the track. Multiple slow orders or men working on the track is common and no one could memorize them daily, an engineer concentrating on safely controlling the train handling should have someone along the route to assist in being reminded of these daily changes. I've only been a part of the railroad for a little over two years and I could easily see how multiple things could go wrong without the assistance of a 2nd crew member. Please take the safety of all employees as well as surrounding communities into consideration with this decision.