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Contact: Pilot; Mr. Walker

According to Mr. Walker, he received the NTSB accident form and will complete when time permits. Mr. Walker had recently purchased the airplane and owns a Cessna 150. Mr. Walker and his passenger arrived at the airstrip to meet with someone who was going to possibly perform an auto-pilot installation and annual inspection. He stated it was a good day to fly. On the return flight (accident flight), he asked the pilot-rate passenger to perform the flight, however, the passenger declined. His plan was to complete a soft-field takeoff on the 2,300 ft. grass airstrip. During the takeoff and in ground effect about the ½ point down the runway, he thought about aborting the takeoff but did not think they'd stop in time to avoid a train located off the end of the airstrip. The pilot continued the takeoff and clipped the train with the lower part of the airplane. The pilot's next recollection he was upside down and restrained by his shoulder harness. The passenger and responding witnesses assisted in rescuing the pilot. The pilot was transported due to his injuries. The pilot said there were no issues with the airplane or engine.