

CHAP. 671.—An Act Extending the time for completing bridge across the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri.

April 30, 1902.

[Public, No. 94.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for completing the construction of a wagon and motor bridge across the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri, as fixed by an Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be extended to June third, nineteen hundred and four.

Approved, April 30, 1902.

Missouri River.
Time extended for
completing bridge at
Saint Charles, Mo.
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CHAP. 672.—An Act To authorize the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River in the State of Louisiana, at or near Shreveport.

April 30, 1902.

[Public, No. 95.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Louisiana, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and all approaches thereto across Red River, at or near the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and in accordance with such plans as may be approved by the Secretary of War, and to lay on or over said bridge a track or tracks for the more perfect connection of any railroad or railroads that are or shall be constructed to said river, on either or both sides thereof, at or opposite such point, under the limitations and conditions hereinafter provided. Said company, or its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to build, construct, and maintain any and all trestles, roadbeds, tracks, appurtenances, and things that may be necessary for proper approaches to said bridge and for the use of the same as a railroad bridge. That said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river by reason of the construction of the said bridge, the said cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for any district in whose jurisdiction any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt this bridge from the operation of the same: *Provided further,* That said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railroad trains and at the option of said company may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by said company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Red River.
Shreveport Bridge
and Terminal Com-
pany may bridge at
Shreveport, La.

Unobstructed navigation.
Litigation.

Provisos.
Existing laws re-
main in force.

Railway, wagon,
and foot bridge.

Toll.

Drawbridge.

SEC. 2. That if the bridge authorized shall be built as a drawbridge the draw shall be operated by steam or other reliable power, and shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, except when trains are passing over said span or spans; but in no case shall unnecessary delay occur in opening said draw after the passage of trains.

SEC. 3. That all piers shall be built as nearly as may be parallel with the current of the river at that stage of water which is most important for navigation, and the bridge itself shall be built as nearly as may be at right angles thereto; and the riprapping or other protection for imperfect foundations which will lessen the required waterway shall not be permitted; and also that piers which will produce cross currents or bars dangerous to navigation shall not be constructed; and if after construction any piers or accessory works are found to produce the above-mentioned effects, or if any riprapping or other

Protection to navigation.