

passage of railway trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, or, in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

SEC. 5. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act shall be known as a post-road, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privilege of other post-roads in the United States and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge for postal-telegraph and telephone purposes; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall become null and void if the construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years after the passage of this Act.

Time of construction.

SEC. 7. That said corporation shall remove the existing railroad bridge after the proposed bridge is completed and ready for practical operation, and said removal as to the time and manner thereof shall be subject to the direction of the Secretary of War.

Removal of present bridge.

SEC. 8. That Congress hereby reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

Approved, April 7, 1904.

CHAP. 940.—An Act Providing for holding of courts of the eastern division of the northern Federal judicial district of Georgia at Athens, Georgia.

April 7, 1904.
[H. R. 12304.]

[Public, No. 86.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter courts shall be held in the eastern division of the northern Federal judicial district of Georgia at Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Monday in April and the first Monday in November in each year, instead of as heretofore provided.

United States courts.
Georgia northern
judicial district.
R. S. secs. 572, 658,
pp. 99, 120.
Terms at Athens.
Vol. 31, p. 818,
amended.

Approved, April 7, 1904.

CHAP. 941.—An Act Transferring the county of Pierce, in the State of Georgia, from the eastern to the southwestern division of the United States district court for the southern district of Georgia.

April 7, 1904.
[H. R. 13352.]

[Public, No. 87.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Pierce, in the State of Georgia, be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the eastern to the southwestern division of the United States district court for the southern district of Georgia.

United States courts.
Georgia southern
judicial district.
Pierce county transferred to southwestern division.
Vol. 21, p. 63, amended.

Approved, April 7, 1904.

CHAP. 942.—An Act For the relief of the Indiana State board of agriculture.

April 7, 1904.
[H. R. 7402.]

[Public, No. 88.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be investigated by the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army the circumstances, character, and extent of the alleged use, occupation,

Indiana State board of agriculture.
Investigation of claim of