

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. 12804.]

[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

and damage by the United States military authorities, for Government purposes during the war with Spain, of the buildings and grounds of the Indiana State board of agriculture, and the actual value of the use, occupation, and damage to same, and to find and award and to certify to the Secretary of the Treasury what amount, if any, is equitably due to said Indiana State board of agriculture from the United States, under the Act of June sixth, nineteen hundred, and amendments thereto, as the reasonable value of such use, occupation, and damage.

Approved, April 7, 1904.

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April 7, 1904.
[H. R. 13480.]

[Public, No. 89.]

Wabash River.
Southern Indiana
Railway Company
may bridge, in Vigo
County, Ind.

Lawful structure
and post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Proviso.
Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

CHAP. 943.—An Act To authorize the Southern Indiana Railway Company to construct a railroad bridge across the Wabash River in Vigo County, Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Southern Indiana Railway Company, a corporation created and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Indiana, its successors or assigns, to build a bridge across the Wabash River at a point selected by the said railway company near the confluence of said river and Coal Creek, and near the section line dividing sections twenty-eight and thirty-three, township thirteen north, range nine west, in Vigo County, Indiana, and to lay on or over said bridge railway tracks for the connection of the railway tracks it may hereafter build to the point to be selected for crossing the said river.

SEC. 2. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile for their transportation over the railroads leading to the said bridge; 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. Said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said railway company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said company shall, at its own expense, make from time to time such changes in said bridge as the Secretary of War may order in the interest of navigation: *Provided,* That if said bridge be built as a drawbridge the draw shall be promptly opened upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, and whatever kind of bridge is built, the said company shall maintain thereon, at its own expense, from