SIXTY-THIRD CONGRESS. Sess. II. Chs. 34-37. 1914.

CHAP. 34.—An Act To repeal an Act regulating the construction of bridges across the Muskingum River in Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress entitled "An Act regulating the construction of bridges over the Muskingum River in Ohio," approved April second, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 9, 1914.

CHAP. 35.—An Act To authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across the Tombigbee River near Old Cotton Gin Port, in Monroe County, Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of supervisors of Monroe County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Tombigbee River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Old Cotton Gin Port, in Monroe County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 9, 1914.

CHAP. 36.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Mississippi River at the town site of Sartell, Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for commencing and completing the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty, to be built across the Mississippi River, at the town site of Sartell, Stearns County, Minnesota, is hereby extended to one year and three years, respectively, from date of approval hereof.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 11, 1914.

CHAP. 37.—An Act To authorize the President of the United States to locate, construct, and operate railroads in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to adopt and use a name by which to designate the railroad or railroads and properties to be located, owned, acquired, or operated under the authority of this Act; to employ such officers, agents, or agencies, in his discretion, as may be necessary to enable him to carry out the purposes of this Act; to authorize and require such officers, agents, or agencies to perform any or all of the duties imposed upon him by the terms of this Act; to detail and require any officer or officers in the Engineer Corps in the Army or Navy to perform service under this Act; to fix the compensation of all officers, agents, or employees appointed or designated by him; to designate and cause to be located a route or routes for a line or lines of railroad in the Territory of Alaska not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand
miles, to be so located as to connect one or more of the open Pacific
Ocean harbors on the southern coast of Alaska with the navigable
waters in the interior of Alaska, and with a coal field or fields so as
best to aid in the development of the agricultural and mineral or
other resources of Alaska, and the settlement of the public lands
therein, and so as to provide transportation of coal for the Army
and Navy, transportation of troops, arms, munitions of war, the
mails, and for other governmental and public uses, and for the
transportation of passengers and property; to construct and build
a railroad or railroads along such route or routes as he may so des-
ignate and locate, with the necessary branch lines, feeders, sidings,
switches, and spurs; to purchase or otherwise acquire all real and
personal property necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act;
to exercise the power of eminent domain in acquiring property for
such use, which use is hereby declared to be a public use, by con-
demnation in the courts of Alaska in accordance with the laws now
or hereafter in force there; to acquire rights of way, terminal grounds,
and all other rights; to purchase or otherwise acquire all necessary
equipment for the construction and operation of such railroad or
railroads; to build or otherwise acquire docks, wharves, terminal
facilities, and all structures needed for the equipment and operation
of such railroad or railroads; to fix, change, or modify rates for the
transportation of passengers and property, which rates shall be
equal and uniform, but no free transportation or passes shall be
permitted except that the provisions of the interstate commerce
laws relating to the transportation of employees and their families
shall be in force as to the lines constructed under this Act; to receive
compensation for the transportation of passengers and property,
and to perform generally all the usual duties of a common carrier
by railroad; to make and establish rules and regulations for the
control and operation of said railroad or railroads; in his discretion,
to lease the said railroad or railroads, or any portion thereof, includ-
ing telegraph and telephone lines, after completion under such terms
as he may deem proper, but no lease shall be for a longer period than
twenty years, or in the event of failure to lease, to operate the same
until the further action of Congress: Provided, That if said railroad
or railroads, including telegraph and telephone lines, are leased under
the authority herein given, then and in that event they shall be
operated under the jurisdiction and control of the provisions of the
interstate commerce laws; to purchase, condemn, or otherwise
acquire upon such terms as he may deem proper any other line or
lines of railroad in Alaska which may be necessary to complete the
construction of the line or lines of railroad designated or located by
him: Provided, That the price to be paid in case of purchase shall
in no case exceed the actual physical value of the railroad; to make
contracts or agreements with any railroad or steamship company
or vessel owner for joint transportation of passengers or property
over the road or roads herein provided for, and such railroad or
steamship line or by such vessel, and to make such other contracts
as may be necessary to carry out any of the purposes of this Act;
to utilize in carrying on the work herein provided for any and all
machinery, equipment, instruments, material, and other property
of any sort whatsoever used or acquired in connection with the
construction of the Panama Canal, so far and as rapidly as the same
is no longer needed at Panama, and the Isthmian Canal Commission
is hereby authorized to deliver said property to such officers or per-
sons as the President may designate, and to take credit therefor at
such percentage of its original cost as the President may approve,
but this amount shall not be charged against the fund provided for
in this Act.
The authority herein granted shall include the power to construct, maintain, and operate telegraph and telephone lines so far as they may be necessary or convenient in the construction and operation of the railroad or railroads as herein authorized and they shall perform generally all the usual duties of telegraph and telephone lines for hire.

That it is the intent and purpose of Congress through this Act to authorize and empower the President of the United States, and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered, through such officers, agents, or agencies as he may appoint or employ, to do all necessary acts and things in addition to those specially authorized in this Act to enable him to accomplish the purposes and objects of this Act.

The President is hereby authorized to withdraw, locate, and dispose of, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, such area or areas of the public domain along the line or lines of such proposed railroad or railroads for town-site purposes as he may from time to time designate.

Terminal and station grounds and rights of way through the lands of the United States in the Territory of Alaska are hereby granted for the construction of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines authorized by this Act, and in all patents for lands hereafter taken up, entered or located in the Territory of Alaska there shall be expressed that there is reserved to the United States a right of way for the construction of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines to the extent of one hundred feet on either side of the center line of any such road and twenty-five feet on either side of the center line of any such telegraph or telephone lines, and the President may, in such manner as he deems advisable, make reservation of such lands as are or may be useful for furnishing materials for construction and for stations, terminals, docks, and for such other purposes in connection with the construction and operation of such railroad lines as he may deem necessary and desirable.

Sec. 2. That the cost of the work authorized by this Act shall not exceed $35,000,000, and in executing the authority granted by this Act the President shall not expend nor obligate the United States to expend more than the said sum; and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,000,000 to be used for carrying out the provisions of this Act, to continue available until expended.

Sec. 3. That all moneys derived from the lease, sale, or disposal of any of the public lands, including town-sites, in Alaska, or the coal or mineral therein contained, or the timber thereon, and the earnings of said railroad or railroads, together with the earnings of the telegraph and telephone lines constructed under this Act, above maintenance charges and operating expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as other miscellaneous receipts are paid, and a separate account thereof shall be kept and annually reported to Congress.

Sec. 4. That the officers, agents, or agencies placed in charge of the work by the President shall make to the President annually, and at such other periods as may be required by the President or by either House of Congress, full and complete reports of all their acts and doings and of all moneys received and expended in the construction of said work and in the operation of said work or works and in the performance of their duties in connection therewith. The annual reports herein provided for shall be by the President transmitted to Congress.

Approved, March 12, 1914.