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CHAP. 973.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near Moors Rock, in the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas River.
Arkansas Coal and Mineral Railway Company may bridge, at Moors Rock, Ark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Arkansas Coal and Mineral Railway Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a bridge across the Arkansas River at Moors Rock, or within two miles above or below said Moors Rock, on the boundary line between the counties of Crawford and Sebastian. Said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with such plans as may be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That before the construction of any bridge herein authorized is commenced the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge and map of the location, giving sufficient information to enable the Secretary of War to fully and satisfactorily understand the subject; and unless the plan and location of such bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the structure shall not be built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such changes shall likewise be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interests of navigation shall be made by the owners thereof at their expense: *Provided further*, That for the safety of vessels passing at night the owners of said bridge shall maintain thereon, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Provisos.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Lights, etc.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 2. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owners of said bridge and any railroad company desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sums to be paid or the conditions to be observed, all matters at issue shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to telegraph and telephone companies.

Compensation.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 3. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Time of construction.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the approval of this Act.

Amendment.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 974.—An Act To create a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas, and to provide for terms of court at Texarkana, Texas, and for a clerk for said court, and for other purposes.

United States courts.
Texas eastern judicial district.
New division.
R. S., sec. 548, p. 92.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Bowie, Franklin, and Titus shall constitute a division of the eastern judicial district of Texas.