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point, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with, and the bridge itself at right angles to, the current of the river: *Provided, also,* That said draw shall be opened promptly by said company, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats and rafts, and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset until sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe. No bridge shall be erected or maintained under the authority of this act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river, and if any bridge erected under such authority shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and all such alterations shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction, or alleged obstruction, to the free navigation of said river, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the district court of the United States of the State of Missouri in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located: *And provided further,* That nothing in this act shall be 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.

SEC. 4. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act 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 company or corporation 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-half mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shorelines 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 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 built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved. And the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interests requires it, is also expressly reserved.

SEC. 6. 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 date thereof.

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CHAP. 871.—An act to authorize the construction of two bridges across Bœuf River, Louisiana.

New Orleans, Natchez and Fort Scott Railway Company may bridge Bœuf River at the "cut off," Richland Parish, La.; also at a point on eastern line of Caldwell Parish, La.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the New Orleans, Natchez and Fort Scott Railway Company, or its successors, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto over Bœuf River, at or near to the

“cut off” north of Rayville, in Richland Parish, on a line to Oak Ridge, in Morehouse Parish, in the State of Louisiana; said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains and, at the option of the corporation by which it is built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, transit of animals, and for foot-passengers, for reasonable rates of toll, to be fixed by said company and approved by the Secretary of War.

At “cut off,” etc.  
 Railway, wagon and foot-bridge.  
 Tolls.  
 On “eastern line of Caldwell Parish,” etc.

SEC. 2. That the New Orleans, Natchez and Fort Scott Railway Company, or its successors as aforesaid, is hereby also authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto over Boeuf River, on the eastern line of Caldwell Parish and near a line from Winnsboro, in Franklin Parish, to Cuba, in Caldwell Parish, or to Monroe, in Ouachita Parish, on the Ouachita River; said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains and, at the option of the corporation by which it is built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, for foot-passengers, for reasonable rates of toll to be fixed by said company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.  
 Toll.  
 Lawful structures and post-routes.

SEC. 3. That the two bridges built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be lawful structures, and shall be recognized and known as post-routes, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States; that no higher charges shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mail, troops, and munitions of war of the United States, or for through railway passengers or freight passing over said bridges, than the rate per mile for their transmission over the railroads leading to said bridges; and equal privileges in the use of the said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across the said bridges for postal-telegraph purposes; that the said bridges shall be constructed either by draw, span, or otherwise, so that a free and unobstructed passage-way may be secured to all water craft navigating said river at the points aforesaid: *Provided*, That if the said bridges authorized to be constructed under this act shall be constructed as draw-bridges, the draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signals for the passage of boats or vessels; and said corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on the said bridges as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Through rates for passengers and freight.  
 Use by telegraph companies.  
 Postal-telegraph.  
 Draw, span, or otherwise.  
 Free navigation.  
*Proviso*.  
 Opening of draws.  
 Lights, etc  
 Security of navigation.

SEC. 4. That the bridges authorized to be constructed under this act 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 company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, designs and drawings of the said bridges, and a map of the location of each, giving the topography of the banks of the river, the shore-lines at high and low water, and the direction and strength of the current at different stages, the location of any other bridge or bridges, within one mile thereof, and such further information as may be required for a satisfactory understanding of the subject; and said bridges shall not be constructed until the plan and location is approved by the Secretary of War. All litigation which shall be had in regard to the said bridges shall be in the circuit court of the United States in whose jurisdiction the said bridges are located.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.  
 Litigation.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and any alterations or changes that may be required by the Secretary of War in the bridges constructed under this act shall be made by the corporation owning or controlling the same, at its own expense. Furthermore, if the construction of the said bridges shall not be completed within two years after the passage of this act all the privileges conferred hereby, and this act, shall become null and void.

Amendment, etc.  
 Structural changes, etc.  
 Commencement and completion.