

which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of said courts.

Approved, February 16, 1903.

**CHAP. 555.**—An Act Fixing terms of United States courts in Colorado, and other purposes.

February 16, 1903.  
[Public, No. 90.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States in and for the district of Colorado shall be held at the times and places hereinafter designated, namely: At Denver on the first Tuesdays in May and in November in every year; at Pueblo on the first Tuesday in April annually, and at Montrose on the second Tuesday in September annually; and such cases shall be heard in said courts as the law or the rules of said court may now or hereafter provide.

United States courts,  
Colorado judicial  
district.  
Terms.  
Vol. 24, p. 214.

**SEC. 2.** That the term of said courts heretofore provided to be held at Del Norte, Colorado, on the first Tuesday in August annually is hereby discontinued, and all business now pending in said courts, including all records, files, books, or other property of the United States pertaining to said court, shall be transferred to Montrose, Colorado, and all cases pending at Del Norte, Colorado, shall be tried at Montrose, Colorado, the same as if originally begun at the latter place, and all requirements for return of process or persons to said court at Del Norte shall hereafter be made or complied with at said term at Montrose, Colorado.

Term at Del Norte  
discontinued.  
Cases, etc., trans-  
ferred to Montrose.

**SEC. 3.** That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, February 16, 1903.

**CHAP. 560.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River between the city of Chamberlain, in Brule County, and Lyman County, in the State of South Dakota.

February 18, 1903.  
[Public, No. 91.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Missouri River Bridge Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River between the city of Chamberlain, in Brule County, in the State of South Dakota, and Lyman County, in the State of South Dakota. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, animals, and foot passengers for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said corporation and approved by the Secretary of War.

Missouri River, S.  
Dak.  
Missouri Bridge  
Company may bridge,  
at Chamberlain.

**SEC. 2.** That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route upon which 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 than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highway leading to said bridge. The United States shall also have the right to construct, without charge therefor, telegraph and telephone lines across and upon said

Wagon and foot  
bridge.  
Toll.

Lawful structure  
and post route.

Telegraph, etc.,  
rights.

bridge, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Pontoon bridge.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be constructed as a pontoon bridge, and shall contain a drawspan giving a clear opening of not less than three hundred feet in length, which drawspan shall be maintained over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and said bridge other than the drawspan shall be at right angles to the current of the river at high water: *Provided*, That the said draw shall be opened promptly by said company upon the reasonable signal for the passage of boats and rafts, and said company or corporation shall maintain at its own expense from sunset to 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 unreasonably obstruct the free navigation of said river; and if any bridge erected under such authority shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, unreasonably obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause the entire removal thereof or such change or alteration of such bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction, and all such alterations shall be made and all such obstructions shall 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 South Dakota in whose jurisdiction any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located: *Provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of the law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt this bridge from the operations of the same.

*Provisos.*  
Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

Unobstructed navigation.

Changes.

Litigation.

Existing laws not affected.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Time of construction.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. That no bridge shall be commenced or built under this Act until the location thereof and the plans for its construction, with such maps as shall be necessary for a full understanding of the regimen of the river for a distance of one mile above and one-half mile below the proposed site of said bridge, shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War, and any subsequent change in the plans, construction, or location of said bridge shall be subject to like approval.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void unless the bridge herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 18, 1903.

February 18, 1903.

[Public, No. 92.]

**CHAP. 561.**—An Act Authorizing the Memphis, Helena and Louisiana Railway Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Saint Francis River, in the State of Arkansas.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Memphis, Helena and Louisiana Railway Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across the Saint Francis River, in the State of Arkansas, at such point in section twenty-five, township three north, range four east, in Lee County, in said State, suitable to the interests of navigation, as may hereafter be selected by said railway company for crossing said river with its railway line. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of said railway company, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the

Saint Francis River,  
Ark.  
Memphis, Helena  
and Louisiana Rail-  
way Company may  
bridge.

Location.

Railway, wagon,  
and foot bridge.