Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, given to the erection of a drawbridge over the Connecticut River, in the State of Connecticut, by the Shore Line Railway Company, in accordance with the terms of a resolution passed by the general assembly of said State at the May session thereof, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, amendatory of the charter of said railroad company.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That said bridge, when completed in the manner specified in said resolution, and in the place and in accordance with the plans of the board of engineers appointed in conformity to the resolution aforesaid, and in accordance with the requirements of the second section of the resolution of the general assembly of the State aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall, with the railroad of which it is to be a part, be a post-road for the transmission of the mails of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That Congress reserves the right to withdraw the assent hereby given in case the free navigation of said river shall at any time be substantially and materially obstructed by any bridge to be erected under the authority of said resolution.