CHAP. 501.—An Act Authorizing the Pea River Power Company to erect a dam in Coffee County, Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Pea River Power Company, a corporation, be, and is hereby, authorized to erect, build, have, and maintain a steel and concrete dam, or dam of other material, on Pea River, at a point four miles below, or about four miles below, the town of Elba, in Coffee County, State of Alabama: Provided, That the plans of said dam shall be submitted to and be approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before construction is commenced; and the Secretary of War may at any time require and enforce, at the expense of the owners, such modifications in the construction of said dam as he may deem advisable in the interests of navigation: Provided further, That there shall be placed and maintained in connection with said dam a sluiceway so arranged as to permit logs, timber, and lumber to pass around, through, or over said dam without unreasonable delay or hindrance and without toll or charges; and suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commission, shall be constructed and maintained on said dam.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void unless the dam herein authorized is commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

SEC. 3. That the right to amend or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 23, 1906.

CHAP. 502.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the navigable waters of Saint Andrews Bay.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Birmingham, Columbus and Saint Andrews Railroad Company, a corporation duly created and existing, is hereby authorized to build and maintain a railroad bridge across the navigable waters of Saint Andrews Bay, in Washington County, Florida, at or near a point on the north arm of said bay known as Grass Point, on North Bay, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of said navigable waters.

SEC. 2. That any bridge constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said navigable waters as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the proposed bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of at least one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the arm of the bay, the shore lines at high and low water, and the direction and strength of the current, and the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until 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 or after its completion such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the bridge constructed under this Act 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 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; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and said structure shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said bridge; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said bridge shall be changed or altered at the cost and expense of the owners thereof from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same, and the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, or, in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

SEC. 5. 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.

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

Approved, February 23, 1906.

CHAP. 503.—An Act To authorize the Campbell Lumber Company to construct a bridge across the Saint Francis River in Clay County, Arkansas, at or near the point where the section line between sections twenty-one and twenty-eight, township nineteen north, range nine east, touches said river.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Campbell Lumber Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto over and across the Saint Francis River, at or near the point where the section line between sections twenty-one and twenty-eight, township nineteen north, range nine east, touches said river.

SEC. 2. That any bridge constructed under the authority of this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure such object said corporation or its assigns shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, and until the said plan and location are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during construction or after completion such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and any changes in said bridge required by the Secretary of War at any time shall be made promptly by the said corporation or its assigns at its expense: Provided, That if the bridge herein authorized be built as a drawbridge, the draw shall be opened promptly, on reasonable signal, for the passage of boats, and whatever kind of bridge is built the said corporation or its assigns shall maintain thereon, from