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TO
MY FATHER AND MOTHER

PREFACE

This volume was prepared as a Master's thesis at the University of Chicago. It is a study of the traffic problem only. Although several related subjects, such as water-power development, land reclamation, and flood control, have bid for entrance, it has seemed best to "stick to the last." Those interested in the freight movement and rates will find these subjects treated in the latter part of the volume. In the appendix will be found a complete comparison of boat and rail rates between the more important points on that part of the route between St. Louis and New Orleans as published in the six tariffs of the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company and by the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

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