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TO THE
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TO THE RESOLUTE MEN WHO WITHSTOOD THE
AGGRESSIONS OF THE STREET RAILWAY
COMPANIES AND PRESERVED THE
STREETS OF CHICAGO FOR
THE PEOPLE.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

The purpose in writing the following pages has been to present the facts pertaining to the subject from a legislative and political standpoint. The term, political, of course, is used in its broadest sense to refer to the movement toward a larger public control of the street railways. In the main, the chronological order has been followed, although in some instances it has been found necessary, in order to preserve unity, to group facts according to some particular phase of the question. The central theme is the controversy over the streets between the City and the Companies.

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