

About three weeks ago 650 Indians were engaged to work on the road at 50c per day, they to board themselves. Indian labor is plenty and will be used exclusively, except for foremen, mechanics, etc. The country through which the line runs produces coffee, cotton, cocoa, dye woods, etc., but the main reliance of the company for support is on transcontinental traffic, the route shortening the distance from European or American Atlantic ports to San Francisco about 1500 miles as compared with the Panama route.