



"An All-American Highway would bring the people of Central and South America into more direct business relationships with those of the United States and create a better understanding among these nations."
 "We ought to lend our encouragement in any way we can for good roads to all the principal points in this hemisphere south of the Rio Grande"—President Coolidge.

"I want to see 100,000 American cars crossing the line into Mexico to enable the American people to see and meet my people that a better and friendlier understanding may obtain between the two nations."—President Calles.

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that the President enter into negotiations with Mexico or any other republic or Central or South America for the purpose of concluding treaties or conventions providing for (1) the establishment of air mail service with the United States and (2) the construction of an international highway connecting the United States with such country"—Senate Joint Resolution by Senator Oddie. Also see H R 744 and H R 447.

"Such a highway (Pan-American) will have a profound influence on international relations, increasing amity and promoting lasting friendships and will augment trade and transportation facilities fully 100 per cent in any of the countries during the first year of operation."
 "A through highway from Canada to Argentina can be opened for traffic within 9 to 10 years."—U. S. Senate Report No. 1498 to S. 6931, 69th Congress.

"When this (Pan-American) highway is completed, Wichita will be one of the important cities on the 16,000-mile road. This part of the United States is the logical place for a north-and-south highway. And the Meridian Highway, which is already one of the best of the cross-country roads, is the logical avenue for the greater project."—"A Grandiose Dream." Wichita Beacon.

"The goal of a highway from Winnipeg to far off Buenos Aires may seem unattainable now, but the time will come without a doubt when the Yankton Motorist may take his vacation jaunt down across the equator and on an improved road all the way."
 "This is such a big one (dream) that it takes your breath away for a time. But it is practical. And what is more it is inevitable."—Yankton Press and Dakotan.

"Another thing such a highway (Pan-American) will do: It will transform Newton, near the geographical center of the United States, from the hub of a great national highway system to the junction point with the greatest and longest international highway in the world."—Newton Kansan.

"If each country will build one north and south road across its domain—and no country can afford to do less—and same meet at a common point at international boundary line what is now a dream will be a fact. Thousands of miles of the proposed road south of the Rio Grande is now being used by half a million automobiles.—John C. Nicholson, President of International Meridian Highway Association, Newton, Kansas.

DISTANCES	Miles
Winnipeg to Laredo	1850
(100% All-Weather Road)	
Laredo to Mexico City	800
Mexico City to Guatemala	1100
Guatemala to San Salvador	250
San Salvador to Managua	600
Managua to Panama Canal	1400
Panama Canal to Guayaquil	1500
Guayaquil to Lima	1800
Lima to Antofagasta	1750
Antofagasta to Valparaiso	2150
Valparaiso to Buenos Aires	2000
Total	14,700

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