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Editor's Note

We are pleased to present this special issue on transportation to our readership. The practice of publishing special issues began under the editorship of James P. Baughman and was continued by his three successors Glenn Porter, Albro Martin, and James E. Fell, Jr. This is the thirteenth such issue.

The role of the special issue is to provide a focal point for scholars interested in timely and important topics. The Review becomes the vehicle for the publication of recent work on the topic in question and a source for those wishing to pursue further work in the area.

We would like to express our special gratitude to Albro Martin for contributing the introductory essay to this volume. A former editor of this journal and presently Oglesby Professor of the American Heritage at Bradley University, Professor Martin is one of the foremost experts on transportation history. We feel that his introductory essay enhances the value of the issue by putting the articles and the note and reply in a broad framework and by providing critical commentary.

R.S.T.