

South America: A glance at the map reveals that Colombia has direct access to both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans;

a geographical advantage that is only now being fully exploited...

These materials are being brought by river for the building of a railway to link the two coastlines.

The proposed railway is following the course of the Magdalena River - through savage, untamed country, to link up with existing lines on the outskirts of Bogotá - the capital.

~~These~~ ^{THESE} pictures give some idea of the colossal task - especially as it is almost impossible to use mechanical power.

With the coast-to-coast link planned for 1960 - the first ninety miles of track ~~has~~ ^{HAVE} been completed - mostly laid by manual labour.

Colombia's determination to exploit her rich mineral resources is the driving force behind a railway that will link two great oceans.