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MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

The mighty Mississippi - the father of waters, and the father of floods, too, But the U.S. Army engineers are out to end Ol' Man River's ram-paging record. Here - they launch a novel flood control project near Vicksburg. At flood points-soft river banks are being shored up by a unique river mattress. These mats of prefabricated concrete are flexible. Joined together - they form a huge blanket.

Rolled out like an enormous carpet - the mattress provides a solid facing that swirling floods can't wash away. The engineers get Ol' Man River safely bedded down.