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106-TON GIRDER TOWED 200 MILES:

One of the biggest loads ever transported by road, perhaps THE biggest, was a girder weighing 106 tons, moved from Tipton, Staffordshire, to Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex. The great weight did not matter very much, as it was well spread, but the length 104 feet, did rather take up a lot of road. Over a few short stretches the going was pretty fast, but most of the way eight miles an hour was as much as they could expect. The 200 miles journey took five days. Any motorists crawling behind it for an hour or two must have wished they'd sent it by rocket. However, it arrived safely and on time; the destination, the nuclear power station now being built at Bradwell.

Bradwell is one of three nuclear power stations now under construction in Britain. The girder will form an enormous travelling gantry carrying the re-fuelling device over the reactor. The huge Goliath crane performed the last stage of the great transportation job, which was carried out perfectly.