### RAILROAD PLANS WILL BOOM MIDDLE-**WEST EXPORTS**

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Middle west exports are to be given a boom through plans evolved by the Only two other cars have climbed railroad administration at Washington. If recommendations of Director General Hines are carried out they will doubtless have an important influence in increasing business between many inland states and South American and European markets for all kinds of manufactured goods.

road administration it is proposed to prepare tariffs which will provide I class and commodity rates upon export traffic from points in Ohio. Indiana, Illinois and cities on both banks of the Mississippi river from Dubuque, Iowa, to St. Louis, and from points in southern Michigan to South Atlantic and gulf ports, from Wilmington to New Orleans.

The export rates to be established will be substantially the same as those which apply to New York on domestic freight from the same points of origin and special consideration will be given shipments destined for Mexico and Central America, because of the low ocean rates from gulf ports to those countries.

The action is intended to provide a more reasonable equalization of the rate on export traffic to all Atlantic and gulf ports. It has been urged by many manufacturers and business men throughout the midde west and advocates of increased use of southern ports. For this reason it will doubtless receive wide support.

If the change will expediate exports through the elimination of a large part of the congestion which retards progress of shipping from the port of New York, there is no doubt that it will meet a need which has been apparent for a long time.

**ESSEX AVERAGES 23** MILES PER GALLON ON 115-MILE TEST

notable because of the fact that im- bon disulphide. The resulting viscous

feat," Mr. Sherland said.

"Both these tests were made with the early shortcomings of the artithe car filled with newspapermen who acted as observers. The start up the hill was made at Battery street and the trip ended at the Fairmount hotel. this hill officially in high gear. One was a Hudson super-six and the other was an eight-cylinder machine.

"At the close of the test the differential was removed to verify the fact that a stock gear ratio was used. In fact, it was not only a stock car throughout, but it had just been re-According to the head of the rail; ceived from the factory. All brand news cars are slightly stiff and it is not until they have been run several hundred miles that the develop their utmost power and efficiency.

"In considering the meaning of the feat of covering twenty-three miles on a gallon of gasoline, it should be remembered that the motor of the Essex, although it is only twentynine inches in length overall, develops more than fifty horsepower. It was this smooth flow of surplus power which enabled it easily to conquer a hill which only tho other cars have ever made in high gear.

"Extreme economy might be obtained at the cost of power or endurance, but these two performances taken together prove that in the Essex the utmost efficiency has been obtained without the sacrifice of any other element essential to a real automobile.

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mediately after the economy test, the | solution is filtered and allowed to | ficial product, lack of strength and same car was driven over the steep ripen and then forced through elesticity, have been considerably California street hill in San Fran- capillary tubes into a liquid which lessened and these artificial silks are cisco, being the only four-cylinder solidifies the threads which are, now being put to practically the authority says that he has known a car which has ever accomplished this when completed, similar to the fibre same uses as the natural article. produced by the silk worm. Some of

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