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only about three years hence, according to present estimates, the Panuma Canul will be open to inter-oceanie shipping. If not at once, it will sooner or later shift the movement of ocean traffic between the Western world and Asia, and at the same time a large part of the inland commerce of the United States will change from land to water routes. Every Southern man believes it will immediately stimulate Southern trade and industry, and the people of every South Atlantic port believes the will immediately at this time I will consider only the ports of the Carolinas and Georgia. I do so because it is apparent that the first big NEW business created for the South by the opening of the Canal will be the or furnishing fucl soil to steam using vessels both homeward and outbound between Europe and Asia, as well as to the shipping in our own coastwise commerce. This fuel coal to steam using vessels both homeward and outbound between Europe and Asia, as well as to the shipping in our own coastwise commerce. This fuel, because of quality, proximity and railway transportation will continue to go to the Virginia Capes—Norfolk and Newport Nows, as now.

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