DOUBLE TRACK LINE.

Railroad Commissioner Longstreet Makes His Annual Report.

RECOMMENDS THE GOVERNMENT ROAD

In the Form of a New Pacific Transcontinental Air Line to the Coast.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Gen. James Longstreet, commissioner of railroads, in his annual report, made public today, calls attention to the general growth in railroad affairs and recommends the government construction and operation of a first class double track railway from Kansas City, Mo., to San Diego, Cal., by air line route.

He says the physical condition of our railroads generally is better than ever before. He points to the equipment of railroads which now, he says, have grown so in excellence that the dividends of their predecessors are not paying the expenses which in the aggregate of years ago. Other time will be distributed among the common stockholders. Many roads which in 1893 were found to be earning 20 per cent in net have voluntarily restored the old rates of wages. In April, 1894, the wages of employes in this country 219 million, equaling about 20 per cent of the gross earnings of the United States. Last year, 1897, the 219 million had grown to 224 million, equaling about 22 per cent of the gross earnings of the United States. In other words, at other time will be distributed among the common stockholders. Many roads which in 1893 were found to be earning 20 per cent in net have voluntarily restored the old rates of wages. In April, 1894, the wages of employes in this country 219 million, equaling about 20