

Fernandina & Jacksonville Railroad.

The Fernandina & Jacksonville Railroad Company was incorporated in 1874, although actual construction did not commence until 1880.^a On April 6, 1881, it was completed from Jacksonville to Hart's Road, now called Yulee. At Hart's Road it connected with the Atlantic, Gulf & West India Transit Company's line from Fernandina to Cedar Key.^b The Fernandina & Jacksonville railroad came into the possession of the Seaboard Air Line through the chain already described, F. R. & N.—F. C. & P.—S. A. L.

The Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad Company built the line from Yulee to Savannah in 1893, which furnished a northern outlet from Jacksonville.^c

Great Southern Railway

An effort was made to build a railroad from Jacksonville to the St. Marys River as early as 1870, when the Great Southern Railway was incorporated to build to a point near Kings Ferry. Considerable work was done on the roadbed,^d but the panic of 1873 came on and the project was abandoned.

Atlantic Coast Line**Savannah, Florida & Western Railway.**

Chartered as Atlantic & Gulf Railroad, the line was completed before the War Between the States from Waresboro on the Satilla River to Thomasville, Georgia, and soon after the end of the war, extended to Bainbridge. Failure of the cotton crop in 1871 and the panic of 1873, involved the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad to such an extent that a receiver was appointed for it in April, 1877, and a bill filed in the United States court for the sale of the property to satisfy a second mortgage. The sale was held in Savannah November 4, 1879, when H. B. Plant purchased it and immediately reorganized the company under the name of Savannah, Florida & Western Railway Company.^e

East Florida Railway and Waycross & Florida Railroad.

Chartered as separate companies in February, 1880, the East Florida to build from Jacksonville to a point on the St. Marys River near Traders Hill, a distance of 37 miles, and the Waycross & Florida from that point to Waycross, the