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There is, therefore, no doubt in the world that Mr. Blair's judgment in the Fall of 1902 was conclusively in favor of building immediately another transcontinental railway. If he expressed himself otherwise in the following year, it must have been because of some difference of opinion between himself and some other person, and not on the merits of the case. As a matter of public policy, and in the interests of the country, Mr. Blair certainly favored the construction of a national transcontinental railway.