

three hundred and sixty-one billion tons, and China third, but the unmined coal in all the countries of the world outside our own amounts to but three thousand six hundred and fifty-two billion tons. We have over five hundred billion more tons of unmined coal than all the rest of the world.

In 1810, we produced fifty thousand tons of pig iron; in 1850, half a million tons; in 1900, twenty-four million tons, and in 1915, thirty million tons. The total production of pig iron for the world in 1910 was sixty-five and a half million tons, while in 1915, the total production was three million tons less, or sixty-two million. Under normal conditions, we produce more than 45 per cent. of this great basic mineral.

In 1800, we had one hundred and twenty-three thousand manufacturing establishments; in 1850, two hundred and fifty thousand; in 1900, the progress of consolidation had reduced this number to two hundred and seven thousand, and to-day, we have but two hundred and seventy-five thousand such establishments, or about the same number that we had forty years ago.

I speak of the land, as in the final analysis, food is our prime necessity and properly developed our lands can and will support many times our present population. Our farming has, to a large extent, been simply soil-mining, until the impoverished soil has resulted in a small crop, or no crop; nothing having been put back onto the land to feed it, despite all that was taken from it.

I speak of our railroads, because the distribution of commodities becomes more and more complex, necessary,