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Vanderbilt: a coming city

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with which probably \$50,000,000 will be expended in building new lines in Texas. In the prosecution of this program, the consideration, to which all others are subordinate, is that practically every mile of railroad to be built shall take its course through some section of the state where the steel rail and iron horse are yet total strangers. The marvelous possibilities of this scheme are indeed difficult to contemplate. The magnitude of the service which railroads have performed for Texas in the past is the only criterion for anticipating the results.



BALLASTING THE LINE, THE GENERAL MANAGER (IN THE CENTER OF THE PICTURE) DIRECTING THE WORK

VANDERBILT—A COMING CITY.

It is a fact not generally known that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., after whom the station of Vanderbilt on the Gulf Coast Line is named, was one of the first of the Eastern capitalists to take cognizance of the possibilities and advantages of this rapidly developing section of our country. Mr. Vanderbilt, in company with other New York capitalists, made a visit to the Gulf Coast Country shortly after the work of construction was commenced, and the results which have been attained since that time in that section have but confirmed his first impression of the great undeveloped strength of this new country.

While devoting the greater part of his time looking after the many interests which he has, as will be gathered from the accompanying picture, showing him in his 90-horse power automobile, Mr. Vanderbilt devotes considerable time to this sport, and was the originator of the Vanderbilt Cup Races which now attract international attention.

