e. Water Transportation

The River Lines, which maintains close connections with many of the principal inter-coastal and foreign carriers, is an important transportation unit.

d. Air Lines

Sacramento has a completely equipped and modern municipal air port from which the United Air Lines gives service to the principal cities of the nation.

e. Highways

It is at Sacramento that U. S. Overland Highways Nos. 40 and 50 join and bisect U. S. Highway No. 99 which runs from Canada to Mexico. These, together with numerous state highways of a more or less local character, serve as arteries of travel and make possible the movement of freight and passengers over twenty motor truck and stage lines.

7. Special Features

a. Mining

Gold mining, which was responsible for Sacramento's early prominence and growth, is still an economic factor to the community. Since the discovery of gold in 1848, approximately $2,000,000,000 of this metal has been mined in the State of California, and it is estimated that at least two-thirds of this amount has come from territory tributary to the city.

While all types of mining are employed in the region to recover gold, dredging is probably the one producing best results at the present time, and there are great numbers of gold dredgers operating in both the Feather River and American River Valleys. There are also a number of "deep" mines within one hundred miles of Sacramento, and "placer" mining is still carried on by numerous individuals along the banks of the streams mentioned.

b. Timber

The manufacture of lumber and other timber products has long been a leading industry, and as 60% of California's stand of pine and cedar timber is tributary to Sacramento, this industry will continue to be one of the community's sustaining economic factors.

c. Government Activities

First under this head should be mentioned the fact that upward of 7,000 of Sacramento's workers (exclusive of W. P. A. workers) are Government employees, with a payroll of more than $13,000,000 in 1937. The State and Federal Governments account for four-fifths of these employees, the balance being in the employ of the