



Silent film, U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, ca. 1927

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- 00:00 In 1897.
- 01:19 Those were the days of the “full dinner pail.”
- 01:40 They were well packed — those dinner pails of the workingmen — so were their homes.
- 02:07 Walkers.
- 02:26 To live close to the job — that was the big idea.
- 02:40 Big business was beginning to look up.
- 02:55 Home close to shop. Office close to home. Save time — distance.
- 03:21 There was a gentleman upon whom the city depended for its food.
- 03:35 His home — 20 miles distant — was considered a long way off.
- 03:49 — and hard to get to.
- 04:00 The wheel of progress ever turning.
- 05:00 FASTER — 1910.
- 05:20 FASTER — 1927.
- 05:35 The city? Why that’s only 20 miles — less than an hour’s pleasant drive.
- 05:53 There the wheels have been turning, also.
- 06:15 The sedate lady of the nineties has become the modern American woman.
- 06:30 And the workingman
- 06:53 Big business is looking out — not up.
- 07:11 Fresh air and attractive surroundings for the workers.
- 07:30 What has wrought this change?
- 07:41 Motors —
- 07:51 Good roads —
- 08:02 Personal transportation.
- 08:19 At the White House the motor serves. [Pres. and Mrs. Coolidge]
- 08:52 Everywhere, everybody rides.
- 09:40 The truck saves time and makes possible longer hauls.
- 09:52 BUT — only when the roads are good.
- 11:33 Like the truck, the bus carries heavy loads.
- 11:45 With the ease and speed of the motor car.
- 11:56 Motor busses extend transportation facilities from street railways into new suburbs.
- 12:25 Inter-city busses operate on regular schedules between convenient city depots.
- 12:54 And — like the hen and the egg — the motor car and the road are indispensable to one another’s progress.
- 13:11 As the development of the American highway awaited upon the demands of the motor —
- 13:32 — so do motor vehicles depend upon roads to perform their highest services in releasing the tremendous forces pent up by undeveloped transport facilities.
- 14:05 The End