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This is a promotional brochure for the “Ozark Trails Bridge” over the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Although undated, the brochure appears to have been printed in the 1930s.

The “Ozark Trails Bridge,” also referred to in the brochure as the “Cape Girardeau Bridge,” was opened to automobile traffic in September 1928. Until 1957 it operated as a toll facility. This brochure presents the span as the “logical crossing” of the Mississippi River for motorists traveling between the northeastern and southwestern United States, as well as between the southeastern and northwestern states.

Also included in the brochure are city maps for St. Louis and Chicago, a “mileage chart” of the United States, and a highway map of the central United States that fills one entire side when the brochure is unfolded.

The Congressman Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge replaced this bridge in 2003.

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