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This is *The World's Greatest Zinc and Lead District, as seen through the Camera*. It was published for the Tenth American Mining Congress, which met at Joplin in Jasper County, Missouri, on 11-16 November 1907. Included are a transportation map of the mining district and many photographic views of mines, mills, towns and cities in the area.

The American Mining Congress held its tenth annual session at Joplin, Missouri, on 11-16 November 1907. The Publicity Committee published this 90-page booklet as a souvenir of the meeting and a guide to the Tri-State Mining District (herein called the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma-Arkansas Mining District). At the beginning of the volume are a brief history of mining in the area, a summary of the district’s mineral resources, and a historical table of tonnages and value of lead and zinc ores produced in the district.

On page 9 there is a group portrait of the “Committee of 50” representing the four states and assembled at the Commercial Club of Joplin. The remaining pages contain photographic views of mines and ore mills, as well as scenes in the area’s mining cities and towns. Of particular interest are views of the “new” Auditorium Building in Joplin, where the Congress would meet, homes of the successful mining entrepreneurs, schools, street scenes, banks, industrial sites, and “the Quapaw Indian Tribe at Baxter, Kansas.”

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