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THE SHORTEST RAILROAD IN PORTER COUNTY: CHICAGO & EASTERN RAILWAY, 1880-1921

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

On 28 August 1877, the Chicago and Nashville Railroad Company and the State Line and Covington Railroad Company consolidated, forming the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company (C&EI). Over the years C&EI consolidated with and bought several companies, including the Danville and Grape Creek Railroad Company, the Strawn and Indiana State Line Railroad, and the Chicago, Danville and St. Louis Railroad Company. In 1879, C&EI leased for 999 years railroad lines from the Evansville, Terre Haute and Chicago Railway Company and the Indiana Block Coal Railroad Company. However, in December 1899, C&EI purchased both companies and their properties. In 1894, C&EI consolidated with the Chicago and Indiana Coal Railway Company, retaining the name of the former. By 1902, C&EI was controlled by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad. However, C&EI regained their independence in 1916 after a financial embarrassment. On 31 December 1921, C&EI closed after a severe loss on the Chicago and Indiana Coal Railway Division.

Sources:

Collection materials.

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