Since its discovery in 1939, Mississippi now ranks among the top ten oil-producing states. Much of the crude from its many proven fields is being processed by refineries in the state. Thus, Mississippi's future as an oil state is assured.

U.S. Highway No. 80, east of historic Vicksburg. Note the Mississippi on the back slopes. This soil is "loam," which occurs only in a few places in the world. This soil is of finer grain than Portland cement.

A large shipbuilding yard on the "Singing River" at Pascagoula. This industry, expanded during the war, produced ships that sailed the seven seas. In peace time, it continues to contribute heavily to the state's industrial growth.

The deep water harbor at Gulfport, with splendid dock facilities, takes an rightful place in building a modern Mississippi. Here, ocean-going vessels load and unload their cargoes from World parts.

Minneapolis has many fine herds of Jerseys and Guernseys, as well as herd of Herefords and Black Angus, producing handsome stock for other parts of the Nation.

Agriculture is becoming more industrialized in the Delta area. The mechanical cotton picker shown above is one of the answers to cotton production.

4,000 miles of modern paved highways, together with an expanding system of feeder roads, await the traveler to lead him to every section of the State. Note the modern design in the clover-leaf pictured above.

Industrialization comes to historic Natchez; a section of the State steeped in tradition, picturesque in its ante-bellum homes and historical stories which trace their origin back to Indian, Spanish, and English days.

Mississippi's annual Tam Oil crop is now over Two Million Dollars and is growing. Used in paint and varnish manufacture, this product is produced profitably and in great abundance in both Mississippi.

Wallboard plant at Meridian processes native timber—another industry geared to a renewable natural resource. By conservation and reforestation of forest lands in the area, this plan can be assured a perpetual supply of raw materials.

Northeast Mississippi continues to contribute its share to the State's program by growing its industry directly to agriculture. Here, a milk plant at Tupelo serves a wide area of good farms, good homes, good stories and noble industries.