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Not at all. Most of these moving people were moving primarily because they had little or no money, so plush seats in speedy railroad trains that could make the journey in twenty-four hours were not for them; besides, railroad trains as we know them simply did not exist for anyone, money or not. The superb concrete roads familiar to us were not even dreamed of; trucks and automobiles with cushioned shock absorbers, comfortable springs, and rubber tires, were



seventy-five years in the future. No, for these early pioneers, going west was what they wanted to do, but not because it was easy to do it. The Appalachian Mountains, though not as high as the Rockies, were nevertheless a real barrier. The ranges average only about three thousand feet high, but they are about three hundred miles wide and are long and unbroken. You find a gap in one range and then you must go north or south for miles to find another pass through the next range. Nowhere are the gaps opposite one another through all the hills.

Rivers which cut through the mountains were, of course, a great