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Road construction in Dutch Surinam.

Length: 58 metres.

Along the Surinam-river in Surinam are vast woods, the exploitation of which gives many difficulties as approaches fail.

Since the end of 1948 one is working here for the construction of roads across the native woods.

The grubbing of the trees is done with modern machines, which move through the woods like prehistoric animals.

By means of an enormous hook, the roots around the trunk are torn loose, and then the giants of the forest, sometimes being 30 metres high, are pushed down by a mechanical crusher, the tree-deer.

SOUND/ falling trees.

A great rake pushes aside the grubbed trees.

SOUND

Finally another machine is put in action, the motorgrader, cutting a trench at both sides of the road, and making the road surface convex, with a view to the carrying off of the rain water.

The roads namely are not yet being metalled.

It is hoped that in the course of this year a road-system of about 50 K.M. through the woods will be finished.

The part being ready now is used already for the transport of the trunks to the discharging-berths at the Surinam-river.
