carriers from one point to another in the State. Any association or corporation organized for the purpose, shall have the right to construct and operate a railroad between any designated points within this State, and to connect at the State line with railroads of other States and Territories. Every railroad company shall have the right with its road to intersect, connect with, or cross any other railroad. under such regulations as may be prescribed by law and upon making due compensation

Section VII No railroad corporation, express, or other transportation company, or the lessees or managers thereof, shall consolidate its stock, property or franchises with any other railroad corporation, express, or other transportation company owning or having under its control a parallel or competing line; nor shall it in any manner unite its business or earnings with the business or earnings of any other railroad corporation.

Section VIII All individuals, associations, and corporations, similarly situated shall have equal rights to have persons or proper