A road is also projected, and surveys are being made, from
Ellenville (Branch of Midland) to Poughkeepsie. This road
will run almost direct from the Delaware and Hudson Canal to
the Bridge, on an easy grade, (passing through a gorge in the
mountains to the southeast of Paltz Point), bringing the Dela-
ware & Hudson Canal to the Bridge and tide water in twenty-
four miles.

The above roads will bring the products of both the great
Anthracite and Bituminous coal regions to the whole Eastern
States, by a better route, and one that is, on an average, one
hundred miles shorter than any other that exists.

The farther important connections on the west are

The New York & Erie RR.

and its connections to various points

The Delaware, Lackawana & Western,

and its Coal branches ; and

The Delaware River.

The feasibility of the Poughkeepsie Bridge project and the
prospect of its speedy completion, has led to new lines being
established from the Coal regions to connect with it ; and an
organization is already projected for nearly a direct route
through Wilkesbarre, the Delaware Valley, and Port Jervis,
to Poughkeepsie.

The completion of the Wallkill Valley Railroad this season
to Rondout will also give the

Rondout and Oswego Rail Road

direct communication with this point. It requires only the
completion of the Bridge and the short link of the Pough-
keepsie and Western road, to enable these three great lines, the

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MIDLAND, AND RONDOUT & OSWEG

to make direct through connection to the East and by the Hudson