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Francis Marion Cockrell, a Democrat from Missouri, became chairman on March 15, 1893, and served until December 31, 1895. He remained on the committee for 24 years, from 1881 to 1905.

Born in Johnson County, MO, in 1834, Cockrell graduated from Chapel Hill College in Lafayette County, MO, in 1853, then studied and practiced law until he volunteered for the Confederate Army. Rising to the rank of brigadier general, Cockrell was captured at Fort Blakeley, AL, and after being paroled in 1865, returned to the practice of law. He served 30 years in the U.S. Senate, from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1905. A member of the Interstate Commerce Commission from 1905 to 1910, Cockrell, in 1911, became a U.S. commissioner to reestablish the boundary line between Texas and New Mexico. He died in 1915.

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