Existing rail in Africa is still concentrated on the coast, where the colonial powers first established such routes to ship out raw materials and labor. England created the south-north Cape to Cairo Railroad for conquest. The population lacks the necessary transportation infrastructure for rapid economic development.

Africa’s basic transcontinental rail lines must finally be built. Entire sections of the Cape to Cairo railroad have collapsed due to regional wars and disrepair. The east-west trunk line from Dakar, Senegal to Djibouti was never built. New transcontinental routes must be added and all lines upgraded.