

“*With Heaven's aid I have conquered  
for you a huge empire.  
But my life was too short to achieve the  
conquest of the world. That task is left for you.*”

Genghis Khan, to his sons at the end of his life, 1227.



The construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway began in 1891, and a year later the Tsarevitch Nicholas (later Nicholas II) laid the first stone of the eastern station in Vladivostock. When it was completed in 1916 the track was almost six thousand miles long.

*It covered over one-third of the globe  
and passed through eight time zones.*