Fayette-Jackson Is Area for New Span

First step in acquiring a new bridge—selection of a site—was taken by Peoria Wednesday night when more than 100 persons unanimously voted approval of the site between Fayette and Jackson streets.

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