



for a little while - We are so accustomed to the tropical showers, especially at this season that we don't object much to being out in them.

As we approach the Atlantic side of the Isthmus the hills give way to a somewhat flatter terrain and the soil is very red, but the vegetation is quite the same.

Here we pass the Cemento de Panama, a very large cement plant that promised to "make good" in a big way when they thought the contract to supply cement for the Third Locks Project was to be theirs, but after this project was abandoned the price of stock didn't rise much more.

All along the road side, especially near the small villages, are little fruit and vegetable stands where the vendors have lines mangoes, guavas, chayotes, corn-on-the-cob, papayas and other fruits and vegetables that are in season. - We see trudging along the road ^{many natives come with} small ponies with huge packs of vegetables, charcoal + often bundles of palm fronds for thatch used for roofs.