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According to the Aug. 10 issue of the Journal of Commerce, the US-based Burlington Northern Railroad (BNR) will henceforth provide direct rail service from western United States to Mexico. Under an agreement with the South Orient Railroad Co., headquartered in Fort Worth, the rail service will pass through Presidio, Texas. The new route will be used to carry freight back and forth from Torreon and Chihuahua. The big ticket items BNR expects to carry are petrochemicals, grain, automobiles and auto parts, lumber, fresh and frozen foods, mineral products and modular containers. Prior to the accord, BNR was the only railway in the western United States without a direct link to Mexico.

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