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1st - Panama grants the right to fortify

2nd - Great Britain (the only other country with which we have treaty stipulations restricting the canal) conceives the right to fortify.

3rd - No nation is challenging our right to fortify

unquestionably

4th - The whole world thus observed the execution of the act of 1902 which provided for the foundation of French canal, its completion, its operation, the construction of the canal and direction to the President to make such provision for its defense as may be necessary for its protection.
The right to defend one's property is an inalienable incident to a person's ownership.