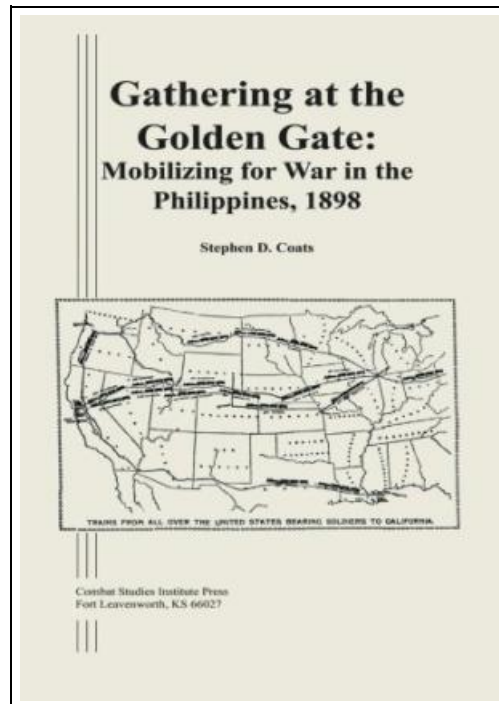# Gathering at the Golden Gate: Mobilizing for War in the Philippines, 1898

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