## Preface

The Mexican Revolution, which began in 1910 and is still in progress, has been one of the most important and ambitious sociopolitical experiments in modern history. The Revolution has developed in three distinct stages: the period which saw the overthrow of the dictatorship and attempts at modified reform, the longer era of bloodshed and devastation during which radical ideas were written into the constitution but during which little actual progress was made, and the much longer span during which the ideas have been put into practice. The present volume concerns itself with only the first stage of this development; later volumes will deal with the succeeding stages.

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