

CONVICT LABOR ON ROADS.

Report of the Work of the Oregon State Road Commission.

R. A. Harris, secretary of the Oregon Good Roads Commission writes as follows:

"The Oregon Good Roads Commission has held three meetings at two of which we had short talks by Judge L. R. Webster of Portland, author of the resolution creating the road commission, and at one a talk by Hon. J. E. Magers, ex-judge of Yamhill county, now chairman of the road committee of the Portland Board of Trade. Both of these gentlemen are enthusiastic in their favor of the idea of working the convicts on the roads, and proffer us all the assistance in their power to accomplish such an end. The Commission is also very much indebted to Secretary Labor of the Board of Trade for many helpful suggestions and also for tendering us the rooms of the Board of Trade for our meetings, free of charge.

"I mention these things to show the interest taken by these men and their organizations in the work of this commission, and in the same connection I have letters proffering the aid, in any way we desire it, of the departments of the University of Oregon having to do with work of this kind. F. G. Young, professor of economics and sociology in that institution, has compiled a voluminous document on 'Tendencies in Recent American Road Legislation,' and among the brief introductory remarks is the following, which is significant of our labors:

"Several northern states, among them New York, Illinois, Iowa, and California, are using convict labor to advantage in preparing road material. Nearly all of the Southern States are successful in lowering the cost of road construction in the use of prisoners and State convicts."

"We are also in receipt of a quantity of literature from the Department of Road Inquiry, Washington, D. C., among which is valuable data from Eastern and Southern States concerning the work of convicts on the roads. I have written to each of these states for copies of the laws (and all data bearing on the practical working out of the same) that have to do with the employment of convicts on the roads, and are long it would seem as though our work can begin to take definite shape.

"It will, of course, be remembered that it is a part of the specified work of this Commission to examine into and report upon the feasibility of working the convicts on the roads. While it is no secret that the entire Commission at this time is a unit in the belief that it is feasible, every one realizes that the perfecting of a definite plan is a work that will develop the multitude of unseen difficulties which may finally convince us to the contrary. In the work of determining the feasibility of thus employing convicts, every one who is sensible of the real value of good roads, in every section of the state, should get busy setting forth what resources his section offers and what benefits it would derive or what disadvantages will be encountered. Particularly do we want to know the disadvantages and obstacles. It is easy to see there is a vastly greater sentiment in favor of than opposed to the idea, and it is just such facts that often cause hasty, imperfect and costly plans by reason of immature consideration of the obstacles.

It will be seen by the resolution authorizing the appointment of the Commission that definite road is provided for, viz: a macadamized road from the city of Portland south to the California state line. This may cause a feeling of resentment from those people located in sections farthest from this proposed route.

It should be remembered, however, that the first and greatest consideration is whether it is better that the convicts be worked on the public roads than leased to private concerns in direct and very unjust competition with free labor at a pittance per diem for such of the best workers as the corporation may select.

It is the opinion of the entire Commission that it is not bound to follow the letter of the resolution as to just where and how the convicts should be employed, but that our findings should be in line with what is most economical and most practical for the greatest number of people of the state, and it is sincerely to be hoped that no opposition will be met on this point."

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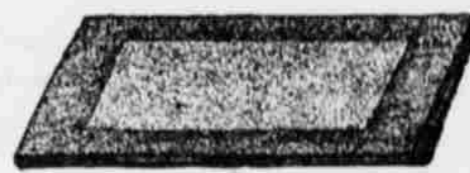
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