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# *Financing an Airport*

Oklahoma City, though not quite as large as Dallas, is going ahead with plans for one of the biggest airports in the Southwest. Residents of the Sooner capital are not satisfied with mere talk but already have begun work on a \$25,000,000 project. Instead of waiting for Uncle Sam to hand over funds for development, they are using their own money. Funds from bond issues are being supplemented with money raised by private subscription.

If America is to be saved from bureaucracy and States' rights are to be restored, the habit of running to Washington for the financing of local projects must end soon. Airplanes carry mail; but so do trains, and we do not expect Uncle Sam to build our railroad passenger stations and freight terminals. If federal money is available, so much the better; but no project as important as a major airport should be held up for lack of federal aid.

Dallas need not take second place to any city in the Gulf Southwest in air developments. To maintain this city's present leadership, however, foresight, enterprise and prompt action will be necessary. There must be no long squabbling over the choice of sites or over methods of financing. Oklahoma City's pattern may not be the best for Dallas, but her enterprise sets a pace that Dallas will have to hustle to better.

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