

Editor Star-Telegram:

The desperate and adroit attempt of the Ferguson Administration to raise the prohibition question at this time will not succeed. Naturally the Administration wants to get the public mind away from the more than shameful conditions at Austin, especially in the State Highway Department. It paid out \$2,000 of the taxpayers money to hire lawyers to oppose Dan Moody and his road suits, and is now opposing a special session of the Legislature for the same reason, that is to keep all the real facts from being exposed to the public.

But the public mind will continue to be centered on those road contracts and the enormous profits made by road contractors, especially those of the American Road Company, a Delaware corporation.

One explanation made by the Ferguson Administration for those profits is very interesting, or should be to farmers and laborers of the drouth stricken sections of the state. The Administration said that on account of the drouth farmers and laborers were employed at low wages and worked long hours. With Jim Ferguson sitting with the Highway Commission when these contracts were let, why did he not require better wages and better conditions for those poor unfortunate farmers and laborers? Was it because it was not a campaign year, and votes needed, or what?

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