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### THE HIGHWAY SITUATION

Editor Star-Telegram: The fellow out in the crowd looks upon all this stir about the highway commission chiefly as the work of politicians, sparring for position. They know the difference between a highway constructed and maintained by the State and a lot of sprangled out roads constructed by the County Commis-

ioners Court.

The State Highway takes a straight line and opens the way to far and otherwise inaccessible places and upon which it is a joy to travel. The roads created by the county go around everybody's boundary line and in a short time the wind blows the sand out of the gravel and the only knowledge one has of the road in a few years is its picture on his tax receipt.

There is no doubt but there is entirely too much foam on the milk; meringue is thicker than the pie, but what way is there to prevent it? Certainly it is not by every statesman meeting on the bank of the Colorado and washing out all their dirty linen. To put in motion all the machinery of the State as well as by convening the Legislature with all the thousands and thousands of dollars it will cost to locate the stink would be like putting a fat ox on a hook to catch a minnow. The people don't care who gets the contracts just so they make good roads. The contractor for a house rarely ever saws a plank or drives a nail, he lets out the job to others and so with the big contractors in road building.

In the backwoods many years ago when we had a good reliable coon dog working up a hot trail we held back the horde of indifferent barking canines until he put the coon up the tree and then let them fly to the tree and gnaw the bark and howl. I don't want to compare anybody to a coon dog or anything of the kind but it would be better and cheaper and save an otherwise very agreeable atmosphere at this time from the pollution of a lot of putrid hot air as well as prevent lots of good money in the State's treasury from being squandered by saying to the mob, "peace, be still."

It is true it would prevent some ambitious politicians from working themselves out of a good platform to run for office on next year, but

have found out that a good man on a poor platform is better than a sorry fellow on a good platform.

So therefore the moral of this is, hold back the canines and give the coon dog a chance.

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