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McCrory on Profits

District Judge W. W. McCrory of the Alamo district, in the county of Bexar, is taking a deep interest in road building, road contracting, road profits, road legislation and road investigation. This is what he said in a recent address, speaking of the American Road company:

"Their contract called for the sprinkling of gravel roads with asphalt oil. Ferguson's Forum claims that the state lost \$1,800,000 because the American Road company was not permitted to carry out its agreement with the state. They had a contract to apply the oil on 1000 miles of gravel roads with asphalt oil at 30c a square yard. Jake Rubiola, Bexar county commissioner, will tell you that he sprinkled the Somerset road with asphalt oil at 7c a square yard. Ten cents would have been a fair price. At 30c a square yard it would have cost the state about \$3000 a mile. Two thousand dollars of this represented cold profit to the contractors. Their profit on 100 miles would have been \$2,000,000."

This is a grand old world, and it continues to jog along at an amazing rate. W. W. McCrory is a native Texan. He first came into prominence in Jackson county, where he held positions of trust. Then he moved to San Antonio and was appointed district judge by Pat Morris Neff. A candidate for reelection in 1924, he fought the invisible or masked citizens of his district, declared for economy and law enforcement all along the line, and was elected to the office by a handsome majority in what is known as the most liberal and easy-going city in all Texas. There WAS big money in road building. Will there be big money in road building or road maintenance work in the future?