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## No Special Session

The Ferguson reasons for not convoking the legislature in special session are not less amusing because of the solemn phrases in which they are couched. The plea of expense, the fear that the atmosphere is surcharged with prejudice and political agitation, and other nonsense of the same character, serve to make it one of the most interesting documents that Jim's pen has emitted for Ma's signature in quite a while.

The statement reveals Jim as something of a humorist. He pleads that the highway act has not had sufficient time to be tried out.

The real reason why the highway statute didn't get more time in which to demonstrate its serviceability was the action of Attorney General Moody in bringing suits to recover the unconscionable profits of contractors and to cancel numerous contracts negotiated by the Ferguson highway commission.

If the attorney general had given the Ferguson highway commission another six months in which to operate with their unconscionable contracts, and Jim sitting in its star chamber sessions, there is no telling how many millions of the highway fund might have filtered through the hands of greedy contractors and been converted into Liberty bonds, instead of Texas roads, and planted in Kansas City.

The Ferguson administration overestimates the gullibility of the people of Texas who have been watching events at Austin.

The reasons assigned by Jim for not calling the special session will evoke much more laughter than belief.

When the governor instructed the highway commission to resist the attorney general's action against the American Road company and paid \$2000 of the law enforcement fund for counsel to oppose the attorney general's suit, the people understood the situation pretty well.

The Ferguson administration is not afraid a special session of the legislature "would in all probability undo legislation passed after mature deliberation and years of study." That consideration is such bunk that it does little credit to Jim's legal or political acumen.

Jim knows that a special session could not undo any law unless the subject were submitted by the governor.

Jim also knows that in any special session the governor would have under control every subject of legislation to be considered.

Jim also knows that the special session could only enter upon one line of endeavor without the governor's direction and consent, and that would be a far-reaching investigation into the shameful rottenness of the highway administration as shown by the suit against greedy contractors who have been reaping unconscionable profits from the State.

There are other matters the legislature in special session might investigate without consent of the governor, all affecting the conduct of persons connected with the public service, but not affecting statutes.

The people are going to find out about these things, however, special session or no special session. If the Fergusons are not concerned about the conditions revealed by the attorney general's suits, that is their affair.

But the Fortieth legislature will sift and explore everything, and it will pin the responsibility for the disgraceful administration of the State's highway affairs exactly where it belongs.