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Some of the daily newspapers seem to think that Governor Ferguson will be impeached because of the highway controversy. They hold her administration up as one of corruption and graft. The big headlines they are running on their front pages would lead one to believe that the Ferguson administration is costing the state huge sums of money, and were it not for attorney Gen. Moody the state would be bankrupted by this time. These papers present the controversy from an angle which would make one believe the State actually recovered \$600,000.00 from the American Road Company by the agreed judgment between Attorney General Dan Moody and the road company. They would make the reader believe that graft and corruption was practiced at every turn by the Fergusons. While this barrage of slander of the Fergusons appeared in the papers daily, the grand jury of Travis county was investigating the whole highway matter. For five weeks these men sworn to do their duty, heard testimony from witnesses concerning the entire matter in controversy. Attorney General Moody spent a great deal of his time in the room with the grand jury assisting them, or, in other words, trying to make a case against members of the administration. But when all the evidence was heard the grand jury failed to indict a single person connected with the administration. This, no doubt, was a great disappointment to the Ferguson enemies.

But that is not all. Former Governor James E. Ferguson came out with a statement last week, which throws an entirely different light upon the whole subject in controversy. He quotes from the contract between the highway commission and the road company, and shows that the road company was bound under contract, to resurface or second coat the highway which, Mr. Ferguson states, will cost \$900,000.00 and which the company was to do at its own expense. The company, under the agreed judgment, was relieved from doing this work, and, the former governor states, the state will be compelled to do this work now at the expense of the state. Mr. Ferguson further states that under the agreed judgment—and submits figures to substantiate his claim—the American Road Company was permitted, by Attorney General Moody, to get away with \$900,000.00 profit which it made during the summer months, most of which would have been spent during the winter months on the second course which the highway commission demanded be given the highways, and which the road company was not only bound under the contract to do, but actually start-

ed doing the work. He also made public two letters, one from the Highway Commission to the road company requesting that the work be started and the answer by the company agreeing to comply with the request.

Mr. Ferguson's statement also shows that while the Attorney General claims a judgment for \$600,000.00 he actually collected \$286,000.00 from the road company. This statement is verified by a photograph of the check which appeared in some of the daily papers.

Having read both sides of the controversy, one can not escape the conclusion that the newspapers and the enemies of the Ferguson administration made a mountain out of a mole, if indeed, they had as much as a mole to start with. To one who knows a little of the history of James E. Ferguson's political career and who remembers who were his enemies in the past, and who realizes that they are, many of them, still his enemies—though some claim to have "forgiven and forgotten"—it is not hard to see a plot to discredit the administration and to repair the political "fences" of those who are so agitated over this matter. This can especially be said of the members of the legislature who are so anxious to investigate "corruption" when they are trying in every conceivable manner to raise funds to pay their per diem and mileage to make such "investigation." Some of these legislators are willing to accept money from individuals, which is equivalent to hiring out to the individuals, and meet at Austin to do what in their power they can, to harass the Governor, not for what she has done or did not do, but because she is the wife of James E. Ferguson, and because she is willing to listen to her husband in preference to listening to them in matters pertaining to state affairs.